



Upcoming Events

- Stomp Dance Class
April 6, 6-8 p.m.
Chickasaw Senior Center
Sulphur, Okla.
(580) 622-7159
- Community Arts and Crafts Class
April 7, 6-8 p.m.
Purcell Area Office
Purcell, Okla.
(580) 622-7142
- Community Wide Baby Shower
April 7
Chickasaw Community Center, Ada, Okla.
(580) 421-6255
- Pop Art Acrylics Painting
April 7, 3-6 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery & Studios
Sulphur, Okla.
(580) 622-8040
- Easter Celebration
April 8
Chickasaw Cultural Center
Sulphur
(580) 622-7130
- Stomp Out Sexual Assault
April 8, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Wintersmith Park, Ada
(580) 272-5580
- National Libraries Week
April 9-15
Chickasaw Cultural Center
Sulphur
(580) 622-7130
- Stomp Dance Class
April 11, 6-8 p.m.
Ardmore Community Center
Ardmore, Okla.
(580) 622-7159
- GOURDget Class
April 11, 6:30-8 p.m.
Arts & Humanities Building
Ada
(580) 272-5520
- Yaakni' Apiisachi' Hiking Day Camp
April 14, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Kullihoma
(580) 272-5456
- National Park Week
April 15-23
Chickasaw Cultural Center
Sulphur
(580) 622-7130
- GOURDget Class
April 18, 2-4 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery & Studios
Sulphur
(580) 272-5520
- Shred Event
April 21
ReUse Center, Ada
(580) 272-5456
- Rabbit Run 5K
April 22, 8 a.m.
Purcell City Lake
Purcell, Okla.
(580) 559-0880
- Taloowa Music Fair
April 22
Chickasaw Cultural Center
Sulphur
(580) 622-7130
- Feather Art Class
April 22, 1-3 p.m.
Chickasaw Council House Museum, Tishomingo, Okla.
(580) 371-3351

Longtime Chickasaw Legislator Dean McManus passes away



DEAN MCMANUS

ADA, Okla. – Dean McManus, a full-blood Chickasaw woman who devoted over 40 years of her

life to serving her tribe and improving the lives of Chickasaws, passed away March 18. She was 78.

Funeral services were March 22 at Central Church of Christ, Ada. Gov. Bill Anoatubby delivered the eulogy. Interment followed in McGee Cemetery, Stratford, Okla.

Lila Dean Sealey was born July 20, 1938, and reared in the Madill, Okla., area. She was the daughter of Luchess C. Sealey and Mary Odelia Brown Sealey, and granddaughter of original Dawes Commission enrollees Alonza Sealey and Annie D. Brown Sealey, paternally, and Calvin and Mary Alice Brown, maternally.

She attended Kingston and Ma-

dill schools and married Harrel D. McManus Feb. 19, 1955. He preceded her in death in 2009.

In 1975, Mrs. McManus became one of only 25 Chickasaw Nation employees. The tribe was then headquartered in Sulphur, Okla.

She was originally hired as a Community Health Representative for southern Pontotoc County. Mrs. McManus was soon promoted to supervisor and coordinator of the department.

She began serving as Chickasaw Nation Director of Human Resources in 1995 and as Director of Training and Development in 1997.

She was a Chickasaw Nation employee almost 25 years when

she resigned in 1999 to seek election to Pontotoc District, Seat 4 of the Chickasaw Nation Legislature.

Mrs. McManus claimed victory and was subsequently re-elected five times.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said the passing of Dean McManus was a sad day for all Chickasaws.

“Our thoughts and prayers go out to the many friends and family members of Dean McManus who will be so deeply affected by her loss,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “Those of us who were fortunate enough to know her as a friend remember her good-natured smile which arose from her caring and compassionate personal-

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History, education...and fun!

Traditional ‘Three Sisters’ celebrated at Cultural Center



Rance Imotichey, right, instructs a “Three Sisters” visitor on the proper use of a bow and arrow.

Jacquelyn Sparks



Monarch Butterfly Day was observed March 14 at the “Three Sisters Celebration.”



Sari Walker, left, creates her own artwork utilizing a variety of stickers.



Kadynce Hamilton, left, and Samara Morgan at the 2017 “Three Sisters Celebration.”



Men and boys enjoy a friendly stickball match on the Chickasaw Cultural Center plaza during the “Three Sisters Celebration.”

Hall of Fame inductee Colbert ‘Bud’ Baker passes away at 91



COLBERT LATIMER “BUD” BAKER, JR.

Colbert Latimer “Bud” Baker, Jr., a 2013 Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame inductee and prominent businessman, passed away March 3 at his Margo Island, Florida home. He was 91.

Mr. Baker was born April 14, 1925, the son of Colbert Latimer Baker and Martha Lois Brunt. He distinguished himself in his business, military service and his outstanding contributions to the Chickasaw Nation.

A University of Oklahoma graduate, Mr. Baker exemplified the Chickasaw entrepreneurship spirit.

In 1979, he founded Chickasaw Distributors, Inc. Recognized as an American Indian company, the entity specializes in tubular

goods and drill pipe distributed exclusively to Shell Oil Co.’s Gulf region. Today, the company generates over \$200 million in annual sales.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said Colbert Baker epitomized the Chickasaw spirit.

“Colbert Baker epitomized both the entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to the community that have been part of Chickasaw culture for hundreds of years,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “He leaves a legacy of successful Chickasaws who have seized the opportunities created by his generosity and dedication to service.

“He understood that true success is measured by the positive impact one has on others, and he lived up to that ideal.”

Mr. Baker served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War. He served aboard the USS Los Angeles and USS Toledo. He rose to the rank of lieutenant and was decorated for his wartime service. He is featured this month in the 2017 Chickasaw Nation Calendar.

Through generous donations to the Chickasaw Foundation, Mr. Baker helped many Chicka-

Casting call locations set for ‘The Chickasaw Rancher’

A nationwide search for Native American actors is under way. Casting calls are going out to actors to try out for roles in the upcoming feature film “The Chickasaw Rancher.”

Inspired by the life of Chickasaw cattle rancher and entrepreneur Montford T. Johnson, the movie is being planned by Chickasaw Nation Productions.

The Western plains of Indian Territory were home to one of the most colorful personalities of the 19th Century - Chickasaw rancher Montford T. Johnson.

Orphaned at a young age, Johnson survived great hardship and tragedy to establish a vast ranching empire along the famous Chisholm Trail, the storied cattle highway of the American West.

“The Chickasaw Rancher” will tell of Johnson’s time among settlers, cowboys, Indian fighters, bandits and fur traders.

Armed with a Colt revolver and dreams of a better life, he had the grit, determination and courage to tame what seemed an infinite

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Artesian Arts Festival May 27

SULPHUR, Okla. – Mark your calendar to attend one of America’s fastest growing Native American arts markets, the Artesian Arts Festival, Saturday, May 27 at the Artesian Plaza in Sulphur.

Hosted by the Chickasaw Nation, the Artesian Arts Market spotlights prominent Native artists from around the country and celebrates all forms of art.

Diverse art media and a variety of visual art including paintings, basketry, jewelry, sculpture, metalworking, bead work, textiles and pottery are featured at the Artesian Arts Festival.

A wide variety of musical entertainment, tribal dance demonstrations, art talks and food

vendors is also planned, as well as a special area for children’s activities and a senior citizens’ arts and crafts booth.

Open to the public at no charge, the Artesian Arts Festival welcomed more than 5,500 attendees to last year’s festival. Accomplished artists representing 10 states and a number of Indian tribes participated in the 2016 Artesian Arts Festival.

For more information about the Artesian Arts Festival, contact Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520, by email at artistinfo@chickasaw.net.

The Artesian Plaza is adjacent to the Artesian Hotel and Spa, 1001 W. First Street in Sulphur.

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ity.

“We will miss the passion and dedication she brought to her work for the Chickasaw people. Her life and career will have a profound impact on Chickasaw people for generations to come.”

Mrs. McManus served the Chickasaw Legislature as Secretary in 2002-03, and chaired the Human Resources Committee. She was a member of the Legislative, Finance, Health, Historical and Cultural Preservation committees.

She served as a voting Chickasaw representative on the Intertribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes. She was a National Indian Council on Aging board member and National Diabetes Association alternate representa-

tive.

In 2005, she was appointed alternate delegate to the White House Conference on Aging.

While serving as president of the National Association of Community Health Representatives in 1991, she received the Stellar Leadership Award from the U.S. Indian Health Service.

Other recognitions include the Excellence in Leadership Award from the Oklahoma Indian Health Service, 1991; outstanding and dedicated service by the Oklahoma Indian Health Service Community Health Representative Program for the development of the Chickasaw Transportation System, 1993; outstanding contributions by the National Transit Assistance Program, 1996; dedicated service to the Teacher

Internship Program at the Pontotoc Technology Center, 1998; outstanding service as the first president of the Oklahoma Area Association of Community Health Representatives, 2004; Outstanding American Indian Elder by the Oklahoma Indian Health Service, 2006.

Mrs. McManus was honored in 2016 by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) along with fellow Chickasaw Nation Legislator Mary Jo Green.

They were among 50 Native American elders honored with nominations. In 2016, more than 25 tribes were represented. Among the honorees were traditional speakers, veterans, environmental activists, tribal leaders, tribal attorneys, cultural and spiritual leaders, physicians and

storytellers.

Mrs. McManus was a longtime member of the National Foundation for Women Legislators.

She was a longtime member of Galey Church of Christ.

Survivors include three daughters, Karen Goodnight and her husband, Stan, of Norman, Okla.; Sherri McManus, of Ada; and Kristina McManus, of El Dorado, Kan.; a brother, Leonard Sealey, of Lawton, Okla.; a sister, Virginia Lantria, of South Bend, Ind.; 11 grandchildren, Elizabeth Boyett, Amanda Eddings and her husband, Jason; Nicole Willis and her husband, Michael; Ashton Ward, Kyle Goodnight, Madie Goodnight, Katie Goodnight, Tyler Fra-

zier and his wife, Amber; Brittany Frazier, Joshua Thompson and John Christian Roller; and seven great-grandchildren, Mikie, Lila, Cassius, Natalee, Maverick, Slade and Greysen.

Pallbearers were Tyler Frazier, Kyle Goodnight, Joshua Thompson, Christian Roller, Michael Greenlee and Gerald Sealey.

Honorary bearers were Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, Stan Goodnight, Bill Lance, Tom Bolitho, Jay Keel, Toby Perkins, Phillip Perkins, Frank Johnson, Jr., and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel.

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wilderness, while always maintaining respect for the Native people who lived there.

Production on “The Chickasaw Rancher” is planned for mid-2017 and casting calls kicked off in March.

Filming will also offer an opportunity for Chickasaw citizens to serve as extras in the film.

Open casting calls will be conducted at the following locations:

Oklahoma City - Saturday, April 1
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Remington Park

One Remington Place

Ada, Okla. – Sunday, April 2
11:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Chickasaw Nation Department of Housing Office Building
111 Rosedale Road

Grand Prairie, Texas – Saturday, April 8
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Lone Star Park
1000 Lone Star Parkway

Tulsa, Okla. – Saturday, April 22
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Hard Rock Hotel and Casino

777 W. Cherokee St.
Catoosa, Oklahoma

“The Chickasaw Rancher” is the third feature film by Chickasaw Nation Productions, which specializes in sharing and preserving the story of Chickasaws who have made significant impacts in the world.

For updates on casting calls and other opportunities to participate in the film, or to sign up to receive the e-newsletter visit ChickasawRancher.com.

Follow “The Chickasaw Rancher” on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for updates and information.

Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference April 27-28

SULPHUR, Okla. - The 2017 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference is set for April 27-28 at the Artesian Hotel & Spa in Sulphur.

This annual conference recognizes the strength and leadership of Chickasaw women from all walks of life and salutes the valuable contributions, talents and skills of Chickasaw women.

The conference theme for 2017 is “Celebrating the Past to Empower Future Generations.” Featured panel discussions include Chickasaw artist Brenda Kingery; Chickasaw elder, fluent Chickasaw speaker and language teacher Hannah Pitman; PBS edu-

cation producer Kristina Kirtley; and Katie Callaway, a CrossFit competitor, medical sales representative and former Oklahoma City Thunder Girl.

Dr. Jan Summers and Dr. Scout Cloud Lee will discuss “Love Lifted Me: Stories from Our Past That Became Wind beneath Our Wings.” This discussion will take place during the general session on the second day of the conference. During this session, Drs. Summers and Lee will help attendees gather stories that have molded and shaped lives. Attendees will be encouraged to express gratitude for those moments in which love lifted them.

2016 Dynamic Woman of the Year Shelby R. Rowe will present the keynote address. Chickasaw Legislator Lisa J. Billy will emcee the event.

In conjunction with the conference, artwork showcasing the art of Chickasaw women will be exhibited at the ARTesian Gallery & Studios. The gallery is across the street from Artesian Hotel & Spa, at 100 W. Muskogee. A special reception will take place at 4 p.m., April 27.

For more information, contact Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or paul.baken@chickasaw.net.

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Youth Arts Month celebrated March 11



Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities celebrated Youth Art Month March 11 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada, Okla. This year’s theme “United through Art” featured interactive art booths, dance breaks, martial arts demonstrations, snacks, games and more.

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saw students fulfill educational dreams and improve their lives.

In 2000, the Colbert “Bud” Baker Scholarship was established through the Chickasaw Foundation. Mr. Baker was honored for his philanthropy in 2003 and 2004 when he received the “Outstanding Philanthropist” award presented by the Chickasaw Nation.

Mr. Baker was involved in the community, offering leadership and guidance to leaders of civic and business organizations.

He served as president of a number of organizations including the Dallas North Texas Rotary Club, University of Oklahoma Alumni Club and the Car and Truck Leasing Association of Texas. He served as executive secretary of the National Truck Leasing System Dallas Executive Association, the Sales and Marketing Executives of Dallas and Executive International.

Interment was in Chandler, Oklahoma, Cemetery.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017

10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

WinStar World Casino & Resort

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Chickasaw veterans, save the date for the Chickasaw Veterans Conference. The event will feature keynote speakers, detailed information on veterans resources and services, information booths and more.

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For more information, visit CHICKASAW.NET/VETCONF

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Springtime brings promise of growth, new opportunities

Spring is a time of growth, of vibrant colors and vitality. The land around us awakens and everywhere plants and trees are in bloom. A sense of excitement and renewal comes into people’s lives as winter exits and warm breezes invite us to enjoy the natural world around us.

Spring is an exciting time of year as we open our minds to the many possibilities before us, and we give thanks for the blessings we have received.

The Chickasaw Nation reflects this vibrancy and awakening as we work together to turn our hopes and dreams into reality.

For generations, the Chickasaw people survived at a subsistence level. With removal to the new lands, the people were pressed to begin new lives with very little. They were, of course, resilient and incredibly persistent. Looking back on that era, it is amazing to consider the conditions they endured. Yet, they survived and eventually prospered.

In this modern era of the Chickasaw Nation, we have learned from those days, and we have moved forward with resolve. Never before in history has our tribe experienced the growth we enjoy today. And along with that growth come benefits for the Chickasaw people.

We have achieved commercial success, and we have committed those resources to the benefit of Chickasaw people.

We are very proud of the modern health care we are providing Chickasaws, as well as other Indian citizens. We have committed major resources to our health care



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because it is so fundamentally essential to the happiness and quality of life of Chickasaws. We are proud of our Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada, and of all the professional providers in our flagship facility, and in our many clinics. We are pleased to be providing the very best Indian health care in the country, and we are building on that foundation. New specialties, equipment, processes and professionals will produce huge, life-giving benefits.

We are also proud of our Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur. The Cultural Center is ground zero displaying our dedication to preserving and sharing our Chickasaw culture and history. We celebrate our culture and history with this unique facility, and we share

our traditions with those who seek to know more about us.

We continue to build tribal commercial facilities, and upgrade our existing businesses. We are mindful of the ever-changing needs and desires of our customers and

patrons, and we invest in those elements that make our facilities favorite destinations.

Brick-and-mortar projects are important, and they are material signs of our tribal growth. But it is the Chickasaw people who are the source of our most significant, and most satisfying, tribal growth.

With the essential building blocks of quality education, housing, nutrition, cultural enrichment, health care and opportunity, Chickasaws have made tremendous strides over the course of a single generation.

We are regularly producing growing numbers of Chickasaw professionals with bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees, law degrees and medical degrees. Additionally, the number of highly-trained Chickasaw tradesmen and skilled workers has greatly expanded.

Housing conditions for Chickasaw families have been improved many-fold over a generation. Nutrition services help our children grow up strong and healthy. And Chickasaw people now benefit from greatly enhanced job choice and overall economic opportunity.

When it comes to the “bottom line,” our greatest investment – and the investment that produces by far the greatest return – is in the Chickasaw people.

Spring is on the way and we are thankful for the change of seasons and this annual time of growth and refreshment. Let’s also be thankful for our tribe, our families and our friends.

Together, we have accomplished much. Together, the possibilities are endless!

Chickasaw kids learn hoops, nutrition lessons from Thunder



OKC Thunder center Enes Kanter shoots a few hoops with the kids.

Michael Scott



OKC Thunder player Jerami Grant and Chickasaw Nation Nutritionist Melissa Church teach children the importance of a good, healthy diet.

EDMOND, Okla. – Oklahoma City Thunder players Enes Kanter, Jerami Grant, Josh Huestis and Semaj Christon hosted more than 40 children from Chickasaw Youth Services Feb. 25 for a day of basketball skills practice.

The event took place at the Solid Rock Basketball Gym in Edmond.

The players joined Thunder coaches and a nutritionist to lead children through a cardio workout and basketball drills. The

clinic also featured a nutrition station where kids learned the importance of leading active and healthy lifestyles.

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PIP students perform at Feb. 9 OKC/Cleveland game

OKLAHOMA CITY - Chickasaw Nation Players in Progress (PIP) performed Feb. 9 before the NBA game between the Oklahoma City Thunder and the Cleveland Cavaliers.

More than 30 PIP players dribbled and sprinted through the performance, before the Thunder-Cavaliers game at the Chesapeake Arena.

PIP is a national organization

primary residence

- Storm shelters are awarded one time only to each family in order to meet the needs of all Chickasaws.

For more information, or an application, contact the Chickasaw Nation Storm Shelter Program at (580) 421-8800 or visit www.chickasaw.net.



that enhances basketball skills, self-esteem, self-confidence, discipline and general fitness.

The Chickasaw Nation PIP program is available for kids in kindergarten through sixth grade.

Players must be members of the Chickasaw Youth Club.

For more information, contact Chickasaw Nation Youth Services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

Storm shelter applications now being accepted

The Chickasaw Nation Storm Shelter program provides shelters for privately owned homes of Chickasaw citizens. This service is available both inside and outside the Chickasaw Nation boundaries.

Applicants must provide:

- CDIB/Citizenship Card
- Social Security cards of all

household members

- Income verification of all household members
- Copy of warranty deed

To Qualify:

- Must be a Chickasaw citizen
- No outstanding debt owed to the Housing Division or the Chickasaw Nation
- Home must be the applicant’s

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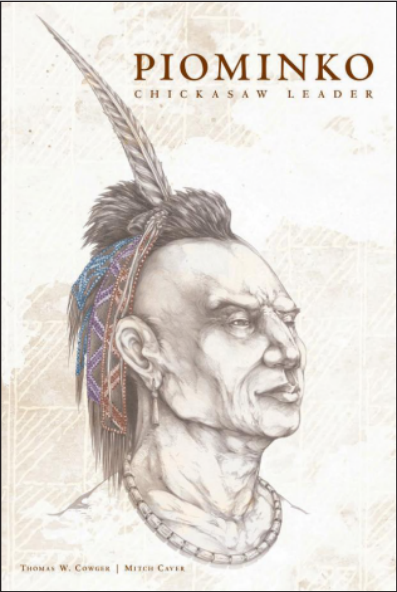
Please donate to the Chickasaw Foundation Disaster Relief Fund at www.chickasawfoundation.org to donate.

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Kumihimo April 28 ARTesian Gallery & Studios Sulphur (580) 622-8040	Chickasaw Reunion May 5-6 Kullihoma (580) 622-7140
Finger Weaving April 29, 1-3 p.m. Chickasaw National Capitol Tishomingo (580) 371-3351	GOURDget Class May 9, 6:30-8 p.m. Arts & Humanities Building Ada (580) 272-5520
Community Language Class May 2, 6-8 p.m. Jet Stream Casino Pauls Valley, Okla. (580) 436-7272	Chickasaw Press Spring Book Sale May 11-12 Chickasaw Press Ada (580) 436-7282

‘Piominko,’ ‘Jack and the Giant,’ ‘C is for Chickasaw’ app to debut

Chickasaw Press to release new volumes



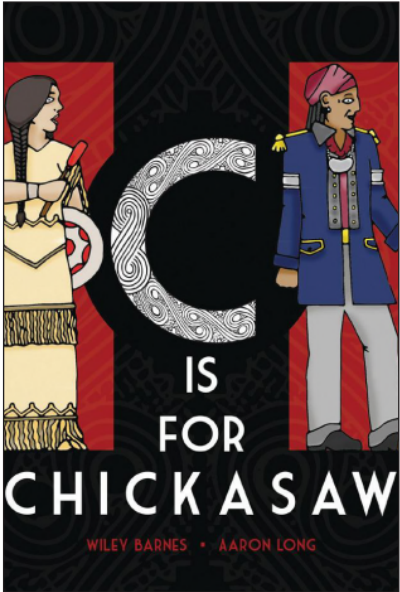
The Chickasaw Press and White Dog Press will release three new titles this Spring. They include *Piominko: Chickasaw Leader*, *Jack and the Giant* and an innovative new app, *C is for Chickasaw*.

Chickasaw Press Spring release:

Piominko: Chickasaw Leader by Thomas W. Cowger and Mitch Caver - Cowger and Caver reveal the impact of the life and achievements of one of the most important Native American leaders of the 18th century. Piominko: Chickasaw Leader recalls the period before, during and after the Revolutionary War from the point of view of the Native people it deeply affected. The volume returns to historical prominence the leader whose unwavering dedication in the face of monumental challenges proved crucial to the survival of the Chickasaw Nation and the United States.

White Dog Press Spring releases:

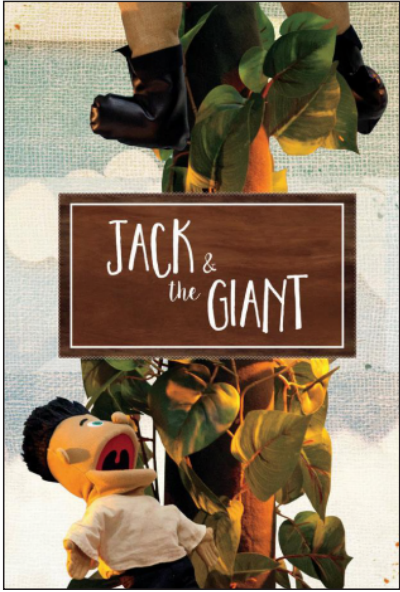
C is for Chickasaw App - Based on the award-winning book *C is for Chickasaw*, the app en-



hances the original text with child-friendly interactive features, games and activities. The highlighted, read-to-me narration walks users through the book portion of the app, where the illustrations come to life with interactive and engaging animation and sound effects. There is also a stand-alone ABC feature that includes audio and interactive animation for each letter of the alphabet. Digital coloring pages, puzzles and a photo booth round out the other in-app activities.

Jack and the Giant - Created at the 2016 Ikbi Holisso Book Creation Camp, Jack and the Giant puts a Chickasaw spin on the classic children's story "Jack and the Beanstalk." The story is vividly illustrated with puppetry and told in both English and Chickasaw. This will be a free publication from White Dog Press, as were the two previous camp books.

Along with these exciting new titles, White Dog Press will release the popular, **Ilimpa'chi': We're Gonna Eat** by JoAnn Ellis



and Vicki Penner, in softcover edition. Recipes, reminiscences and lessons in Chickasaw life are the main ingredients of this book. Chickasaw cooks Ellis and Penner have selected recipes and illuminated them with glimpses and scenes from growing up around kitchens and outdoor cooking fires.

Pick up these books at the annual Spring book sale, May 11-12, hosted by the Chickasaw Press. All merchandise will be 20 percent off from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1315 Hoppe Blvd., Ada.

Chickasaw Press will host a special reception for the Spring releases from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, May 11 at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada, Okla. The reception will include a silent auction to benefit the Vinie May Humes Memorial Fund.

Authors will be available during the reception to sign books.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Press at (580) 436-7282 or www.ChickasawPress.com.

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The Native Praise Choir performing to CHS members during the annual CHS conference. Jacquelyn Sparks

Chickasaw Historical Society members gather at second annual ‘Ittafama Ithana’

SULPHUR, Okla. - Members of the Chickasaw Historical Society reunited Feb. 23 for the second annual “Ittafama Ithana” Historical Society Conference at the Artesian Hotel & Spa in Sulphur. The theme of this year's gathering was “Valuing the Identity of Our Chickasaw People.”

Chickasaw Historical Society (CHS) board chairman Lisa Impson greeted fellow Chickasaw history and culture enthusiasts for a day learning.

The day began with a prayer by board member and Chickasaw speaker Rose Jefferson. The Native Praise Choir sang for attendees. CHS vice chairman Wilson Seawright moderated the presentations.

“We, as Chickasaw people, have to know what our history is in order to know what our identity is,” Mr. Seawright said.

Presenter Dr. Cathleen D. Cahill shared the story of how her research on the Albuquerque First American Pageant lead to her to discovering the history of beloved Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame Inductee and international opera singer, Tessie “Princess Lushanya” Mobley.

Dr. Cahill outlined the path Mobley traveled “From Star of the Albuquerque First American Pageant to International Opera Singer: A New Look at the Career of Princess Lushanya.”

Tessie Mobley's career as a sing-

er stretched across continents and much of the 20th century. Before she sang to royalty in Europe or starred in the Chicago Opera Company, she got her big break as Albuquerque First American Pageant headliner. The experience shaped her career and was important to Albuquerque's regional identity in the 1920s.

“She is someone who spent most of her adult life outside the Chickasaw Nation, but remained very attached to her community,” Dr. Cahill said. “Her willingness to put in a great deal of incredibly hard work, and take advantage of all kinds of opportunities that came her way, resulted in her success.”

This and many more topics were covered in presentations from Dr. David Nichols, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Indiana State University; Joe Thomas, M.S., Chickasaw Nation Department of Culture & Humanities; Sue Fish, CHS board member, Master of Basketry; Michelle Cooke, M.A., Chickasaw Nation Department of Culture & Humanities; and Timothy Baugh, Ph.D., Director of Collections, Chickasaw Cultural Center.

To become a CHS member and help support the society's goal of promoting, preserving and protecting Chickasaw history and culture, visit Chickasaw.net/CHS.

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Chikasha Ittafama (Chickasaw Reunion) May 5- 6 at Kullihoma



Lori Hamilton holds daughter Everley Hamilton-Morgan at the 2016 Chikasha Ittafama.

Jacquelyn Sparks

Noon - 12:30 p.m.
Registration for Stickball

12:30 - 2 p.m.
Traditional Meal

1 - 7 p.m.
Stickball Tournament

1:30 - 5 p.m.
Horseshoe Tournament, located at the ball field

2 - 3 p.m.
Squirrel Stick Throw

2 - 5 p.m.
Archery Demonstration

5:30 - 6 p.m.
Martial Arts Demonstration

6 - 7 p.m.
Dinner

7 - 9 p.m.
Domino Tournament (Doubles)

9 p.m.
Stomp Dance
To reach the reunion site, take State Highway 1 east from Ada. Travel to the Kullihoma sign seven miles east. Turn right and travel three miles east and one mile south.
For additional information, contact Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities at (580) 622-7140.

Senior Golf Academy set for May 16-18

THACKERVILLE, Okla. - A three-day Senior Golf Academy is coming up at WinStar Golf Course in Thackerville.

The academy is set for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 16-18 and is hosted by Chickasaw Nation Aging Division.

This camp is for Chickasaw citizens age 50 and over. Meals and lodging will be provided. Participants are required to provide golf clubs, balls and tees. Golfers must wear a collared shirt, pants or shorts, and closed-toe shoes. A hat, sunscreen and bug repellent are recommended.

For more information, contact the Aging Division at (580) 795-9790 or aging@chickasaw.net.

Hall of Fame seating deadline May 25

NORMAN, Okla. - The 2017 Chickasaw Hall of Fame ceremony is set for Thursday, June 1 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Norman.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of Chickasaw Hall of Fame.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The banquet will begin at 6 p.m., and induction ceremonies will begin at 6:30 p.m.

There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required for the event. About 700 guests are expected.

Reservations will be accepted beginning April 6. Deadline to make reservations is May 25.

To make reservations contact the Chickasaw Nation Office of Special Events at (580) 332-1165 or email Randi.payne@chickasaw.net

Induction to the Chickasaw Hall of Fame is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Chickasaw citizen by the Chickasaw Nation. For more information about the Chickasaw Hall of Fame, visit www.chickasaw.net/hof.

About the Chickasaw Hall of Fame and Honor Garden

In 1987, the Chickasaw Nation began inducting esteemed Chickasaws into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame. Chickasaws who had made significant contributions to Chickasaw people or the Native American community were chosen.

Since then, many Chickasaw men and women have been nominated and inducted into this prestigious circle of honor.

Plaques of Hall of Fame inductees adorn the Chickasaw Nation Honor Garden.

Located on the Chickasaw Cultural Center campus in Sulphur, Okla., the Chickasaw Nation Hon-

or Garden is crafted from natural elements including rock, granite and copper. The architecture is an original design inspired by the four directions and incorporating spiral symbols indicative of traditional Chickasaw culture. At the center of the garden is a granite fountain adorned with copper feathers and natural stone.

Built as an official Oklahoma Centennial Project, the fountain sits in a pool of flowing water which is directed down a path through the garden and then seemingly disappears into the landscape.

KULLIHOMA - Hundreds of Chickasaws and guests will gather May 5-6 at Kullihoma for the 19th annual Chikasha Ittafama (Chickasaw Reunion). Chickasaw culture, tradition and fellowship will be featured at the reunion. Festivities will kick off at 6 p.m., Friday, May 5 with a meal, prayers and stomp dancing.

A full day of fun for the whole family is set for Saturday, May 6. Saturday events will include cornstalk shoot competitions, horseshoes, Chunky, artistic and educational demonstrations and more.

Everyone is invited to join in the domino tournaments scheduled for each evening in the council house. This game of skill brings Chickasaws together for friendly conversation and competition. A singles tournament will be played Friday followed by a doubles tournament Saturday evening.

19th Annual Chikasha Ittafama | Chickasaw Reunion May 5 - 6, 2017

Friday, May 5,
w6 - 6:20 p.m.
Welcome & Prayer, Honor Guard

6:20 - 7 p.m.
Dinner

7 - 7:20 p.m.
Flag Retirement Ceremony

7:25 - 8:30 p.m.
Youth & coed Stickball Social Games

7:15 - 10 p.m.
Domino Tournament (Singles)

8:30 - 10 p.m.
Social Stomp Dance

Saturday, May 6
8 a.m. - noon
Cornstalk Shoot, located at the ball field
****Registration starts at 7:30 a.m.**

8:30 - 10 a.m.
Fishing Derby

9 - 9:15 a.m.
Welcoming & Prayer

10 - 11 a.m.
Washer Tournament

10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
Chunky Tournament

10:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Cultural Classes

10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Children's Tent

10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Trail Rides with Chickasaw Rangers

11:20 a.m. - noon.
Loksi Races

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Little Terral Middle School squad achieves a ‘three-peat’

Chickasaw Nation school Challenge Bowl team takes top honors



Terral (OK) Middle School Indians claimed the state championship trophy for the third time in a row March 3 at the Oklahoma Council of Indian Education Challenge Bowl. Showing their pride in the “three-peat” are team members, from left, Kaleb Allen, Daniel Alsup, instructor Buddy White, team captain Westin Jennings, Tawny Vanover and Danny Mayhew. A total of 29 schools competed in this year’s competition hosted by the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla.

TERRAL, Okla. – One mile north of the Red River in the Chickasaw Nation, this small western Oklahoma community’s students own bragging rights to a statewide competition. On March 3, the Terral Indians claimed top prize in the Oklahoma Council of Indian Education Challenge Bowl.

It marks the third year in a row Terral Middle School students have won the state championship. Life in western Oklahoma is rural. Here, cattle and agriculture are paramount. The nearest Walmart is 50 miles away in Wichita Falls, Texas. Terral is so small, when students finish eighth grade, many enter Ryan

Public Schools – about a nine-mile trip – to complete high school. “We are incredibly proud of our students,” Terral instructor Buddy White said. “Their dedication and the work they put forth to prepare for this competition was remarkable. We’re just a little ol’ community of about 300 people out here, but we’ve got a big tar-

Chickasaw Language Club comes to Chickasaw Nation School-Age Program

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation School-Age and Chickasaw Language Revitalization Programs are now integrating language into the classroom in a new way. The Chickasaw Language Club started meeting Feb. 21 in Ada. The language revitalization program staff meets with students each week teaching Chickasaw language basics. “Our goal is to educate and improve the knowledge, under-

standing and speech of the Chickasaw language in our school-age students,” School-Age program manager Chris Johnson said. “We also plan to give the school-age students the opportunity to take what they have learned and share it with the younger students.” The Chickasaw language revitalization team will introduce students to commonly used phrases through total physical response, a teaching method in which actions are associated with

words. They will learn in a small group setting. Chickasaw students who attend Chickasaw Nation child care or education facilities are introduced to the Chickasaw language at a young age. They learn numbers and colors alongside their English language equivalents. Preservation of the Chickasaw language has been a top priority of the Chickasaw Nation since the language revitalization program was launched in 2007. Since then,

language has been incorporated into many aspects of Chickasaw Nation programs and services. Chickasaw language clubs, family cultural enrichment camps, flashcards and a language app – Anompa - give citizens opportunities to learn and use the Chickasaw language. Chickasaw language preservation recently hit an important benchmark when Rosetta Stone Chickasaw was launched. Rosetta Stone Chickasaw is a language

learning software accessible to Chickasaw citizens and their immediate family members worldwide via internet. Applications for access to Rosetta Stone Chickasaw are available online. For applications and other Chickasaw language resources, visit www.Chickasaw.net/RosettaStone or www.ChickasawLanguage.com. CONTRIBUTED BY Gene Lehmann, Media Relations.

Community language classes offered

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Language Department is offering community Chickasaw language classes 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., every Tuesday night. Classes will be conducted at the language offices, 710 East 13th St., Ada. These classes are free and open to the public. All skill levels are welcome to attend. Speaking our language is of great importance. Several programs and services have been established over the years to revitalize the Chickasaw language. To learn more about available programs and services, visit www.chickasaw.net/chickasaw-language. For more information, contact Joann Ellis at (580) 436-9240 or joann.ellis@chickasaw.net.

Stomp dance arts and crafts class offered April 6

PURCELL, Okla. – A stomp dance arts and crafts class is set for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, April 6 at the Purcell area office, 1603 S. Green. This event is free and open to the public. Class size is limited to 25 participants. Classes are planned throughout the year for Purcell, Duncan, Ardmore, Oklahoma City and Pauls Valley. Classes are hosted by Chickasaw Nation History & Culture. For more information, or to reserve a seat, contact Julie Underwood at (580) 622-7140 or julie.underwood@chickasaw.net.

Feather art class set for April 22 in Tishomingo

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - The Chickasaw Council House Museum will offer a feather art class 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, April 22 at 209 N. Fisher in Tishomingo. Using a small paintbrush, participants will paint on a feather. Supplies will be provided. The class is free and open to the public. Class size is limited. For more information, or to register, contact the Chickasaw National Capitol at (580) 371-3351.

Kumihimo braiding workshop April 28

SULPHUR, Okla. - Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities presents Kumihimo Braiding Workshop, Friday, April 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the ARTesian Gallery and Studios in Sulphur. Fiber artist Janette Meetze will instruct participants in the ancient Japanese technique of kumihimo braiding, including incorporating beadwork and other embellishments. Enrollment fee is \$100, with all supplies provided. For more information, or to enroll, call the ARTesian Gallery & Studios at (580) 622-8040.

Stomp dance classes in Ardmore, Sulphur

Stomp dance classes are set for two locations in April. Classes will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., April 6 at the Sulphur Chickasaw Center, 401 E. Oklahoma, Sulphur, Okla.; and same time April 11 at the Chickasaw Community Center, 907 Locust St., Ardmore, Okla. Families are encouraged to join, and two hours of cultural credit is available to tribal employees. Dinner will be provided. The classes are hosted by Chickasaw Nation Cultural Resources. For more information, or to register, call (580) 622-7159.

Pop Art Painting with Acrylics set for April 7

The ARTesian Gallery and Studio is offering an acrylic painting class “Pop Art,” Friday, April 7, from 3-6 p.m. at the ARTesian Gallery and Studio in Sulphur, Okla. Instructor, Tonya Lowrance will teach participants to become familiar with the pop art movement, color theory, the diversity of acrylic and how to properly finish a piece for display. Enrollment is required. Class fee is \$25. Class size is limited. For more information, or to enroll, call the ARTesian Gallery and Studios at (580) 622-8040.

Finger weaving class April 29 at Capitol

Chickasaw Nation History & Culture will host a finger weaving arts and crafts class 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, April 29 at the Chickasaw Nation Capitol in Tishomingo. This event is free and open to the public. Class size is limited. For more information, contact the Chickasaw National Capitol at (580) 371-9835.

GOURDget classes with Dustin Mater scheduled

GOURDget classes with Chickasaw artist Dustin Mater are upcoming in May. Classes will be 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., May 9, in the Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities building, 201 N. Broadway Ave., Ada; and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., May 16 at the ARTesian Gallery & Studios, 100 W. Muskogee St., Sulphur. Classes are free and materials will be provided. Classes are limited to 10 people. For more information, or to enroll, contact Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

Community arts and crafts class May 2 in Pauls Valley

History and culture hosts a language arts and crafts class, Tuesday, May 2, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Jet Stream Casino, located at 2001 W. Airline Road, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. This event is free and open to the public. Class size is limited to 25 participants. Planned classes stretch throughout the 2017 year for Purcell, Duncan, Ardmore, Oklahoma City and Pauls Valley. For more information, or to reserve a seat, contact Halley Taylor at (580) 272-2594 or halley.taylor@chickasaw.net.

Tobachi High School Art Competition reception May 5

The 2017 Tobachi High School Art Competition is open to all Chickasaw high school student artists. Artwork submitted for the competition will be open for public viewing from April 24 through May 5 at the Chokma’si Gallery in the Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities building, 201 N. Broadway in Ada, Okla. The competition’s five categories are drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture and 2-D open. Artwork will be judged on originality, technical skill and design. An awards reception and closing ceremony will be at 4 p.m., Friday, May 5 in the Chokma’si Gallery. For more information, contact Stan Pollard at (580) 272-5520 or Stanley.pollard@chickasaw.net.

Wilde’s ‘Importance of Being Earnest’ at the Arts & Humanities Black Box Theatre May 11, 12 & 13

ADA, Okla. - The Importance of Being Earnest, an Oscar Wilde play, will be presented at 7 p.m., May 11, 12 and 13 at the Arts & Humanities Black Box Theatre in Ada. The play tells the tale of two bachelor friends, Algernon Moncrieff and John (Jack) Worthing, as they take on double lives to gain the attention of the desirable Gwendolyn Fairfax and Cecily Cardew. This production is sponsored by Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities in association with Ada Shakespeare Company. For more information, or to buy tickets, contact Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520. CONTRIBUTED BY Taylor Owen, Public Affairs.

Chickasaw Appreciation Night at AHS



Governor Bill Anoatubby with Ada City Schools Superintendent Mike Anderson at Chickasaw Appreciation Night at the Ada Cougar Athletic Center. ADA, Okla. - Gov. Bill Anoatubby was joined by the Chickasaw Youth Ensemble and Chickasaw Nation Players in Progress (PIP) Feb. 14 for Chickasaw Appreciation Night at Ada High School. The event coincided with the Ada Lady Cougars v. Ardmore Lady Tigers basketball game at the Ada Cougar Activity Center. Ada City Schools Superintendent Mike Anderson presented the game ball to Gov. Anoatubby following the Chickasaw Honor Guard’s presentation of the colors. The voices of the Chickasaw Youth Ensemble filled the fieldhouse with our national anthem. PIP players provided a special halftime performance during which they displayed their basketball skills on the court. CONTRIBUTED BY Carmen Carter, Public Affairs.

Chickasaw Nation education programs provide Chickasaw students a hand up

Chokma!
Greetings from the Tishomingo District!
It's April and another school year is about to come to an end and a new crop of high school graduates are ready to pursue higher education or begin their career in the workforce.

Many Chickasaw students will be able to achieve their goals of higher education, thanks in part to many of the education programs the Chickasaw Nation offers.



TIM COLBERT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

More than 5,000 students in 2016 participated in the higher education and career technology programs, which provided almost \$19.4 million in scholarships, grants and other forms of support, according to the progress report.

The number of grants, scholarships, incentives and other education assistance has continually grown each year. By investing in our young people through these programs, we are investing in our future.

The Chickasaw Nation rewarded the hard work of maintaining good grades when more than 2,300 of our outstanding students were honored through the Chickasaw Honor Club last year.

The tribe provided tutoring assistance to more than 250 Chickasaw students through the tutoring reimbursement program and provided school supplies to more than 9,000 Native American students through the Chickasaw Nation Johnson O'Malley program.

We partner with Oklahoma universities to offer a recruitment and retention program to help increase the graduation rates of Chickasaw students.

The Chickasaw Nation's internship program offers our students a chance to gain employment experience in companies throughout the nation. The Toksali SMART program offers our young people summer employment that is matched with their interests.

Our commitment to education does not stop at school-aged children. We offer adults a helping hand through programs such as the adult learning program and School to Work, which gives citizens who are non-traditional college students, support and offers on the job training while earning a degree.

It is clear our tribe places a high value on education, because the youth of today will be the leaders of tomorrow.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature.

It is truly an honor and a privilege.

I would also like to congratulate my son, Zac and his wife Etheny, on the birth of their son and my first grandchild, Axton Dixie Colbert, born Jan. 10, 2017.

Chokma' shki,
Tim Colbert
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OIDC benefit golf scramble

OKLAHOMA CITY - The Oklahoma Intertribal Diabetes Coalition is hosting the Eighth Annual Benefit Golf Scramble at 9 a.m., Friday, April 14 at Silverhorn Golf Club, 11411 N. Kelley Ave., Oklahoma City.

Come and support the Coalition's efforts to raise awareness and to advocate for diabetes prevention in Oklahoma. Registration deadline is 5 p.m., April 10.

For more information, or to receive a registration form, contact Torie Fuller at (918) 623-1424 or torie.fuller@creekhealth.org.

'Sustainability' is a big word that means a quality future for Chickasaws

Hello Everyone,
As we kick off the spring season, our businesses are stronger than ever and we look forward to the upcoming ribbon cuttings for some of our newest achievements.

The Chickasaw Nation continues to invest in the infrastructure of our Great Nation through the sustainability of existing programs, as well engaging in the discovery process for new and innovative strategic initiatives. Our Nation is excelling due to the leadership of so many. Our government is strong because we have invested in over 10,000 employees, through all segments of business, to create this sustainability.

The structure of our businesses is deliberate, and provides some level of insulation during economic downturns and is predicated on creating revenues over expenses. Due to the visionary senior level design in these assets and the financial investment the Nation has made in its workforce, the Nation, "WE," have sustainability into the future for our children and grandchildren. It is refreshing to realize what a tremendous investment we have made in our employees (each other) and can rest, but not grow complacent,

with the fact that there is sustainability and the nation remains vibrant and poised for the future.

I remain grateful that you have elected me to represent you and I remain faithful to the goals of the Greater Chickasaw Nation. I will continue to evaluate all orders of business that come before me, and as one of thirteen elected legislators, continue to make informed decisions that will move our Great Nation forward. I trust that each of you continues to embrace our heritage with the zeal and enthusiasm that has positioned us where we are today and that you, as well as I, can say proudly that "It is a good day to be a Chickasaw." God Bless.

Connie Barker
Pickens District
Seat 2

Shred event scheduled April 21 at ReUse Center

The Chickasaw Nation ReUse Center is hosting a document shredding event, Friday, April 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A shredding truck will be onsite to immediately shred documents at 2205 North Broadway in Ada.

This event is free and open to the public. Businesses are welcome.

The ReUse Center will also accept:

- Building Materials - clean lumber, carpet and plumbing materials
- Household Items - furniture, toys, clothing and cleaning products
- Miscellaneous Items - such as office and garden supplies

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Environmental Services at (580) 272-5456.

Growth, balance and planning are touchstones for our businesses

Hello Everybody,
First, I want to apologize for not having an article last month. I had two rounds of the flu that knocked me down and zapped my strength for a couple of weeks, but I'm better now.

My mama used to say, "It's hard to keep a good Indian down."

Recently, I read an article in *the Ada Evening News* about Chickasaw Nation Industries (CNI), and it got me to thinking about questions I get regarding the Chickasaw Nation's business diversification efforts.

The inquiries usually sound like this, "How many casinos do we have now?," or "Is the tribe putting all its money into casinos?"

When I hear those questions, several clichés quickly come to mind. The first couple are "make hay while the sun shines!" and "there's a time for taking cookies and that's when cookies are passed!"

What I mean is that although the future of gaming is uncertain, right now it is incredibly lucrative. In fact, I know of no other business, anywhere, that achieves the same return on investment that gaming does, and gaming does it

within the boundaries of a very rural Chickasaw Nation. So, we need to make the most of the gaming opportunity as we can, while we can.

The next cliché that comes to mind is "stepping over dollars to pick up quarters." This cliché comes to mind because any business heretofore considered for investment by the Chickasaw nation suffers comparison to, in fact pales in comparison to, gaming in regard to return on investment. So, investing in new types of business, rather than investing in more gaming, is like "stepping over dollars to pick up quarters.

Now "stepping over dollars to pick up quarters" does not sound particularly business savvy. However, neither does "having all your eggs in one basket."

So, it is about achieving balance with our end goal in mind.

Our end goal is sustainable economic independence.

To achieve sustainable economic independence, we must, and leadership is, commit to diversification. Next, we must make prudent decisions regarding investing in new business ventures while making the most of the current gaming opportunities.

Again, it is about balance.

Those are the broad strokes. We have smart leadership and talented employees working on the details every day.

Like any large organization, we have areas of strength and areas that need improvement. One of our strengths, however, is definitely our commitment to diversifying our businesses to ensure future economic strength and independence.

I hope you have a great Easter. If you need me, just give me a call.

Respectfully,
Katie

Net assets continue to trend up with business results

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Department of Commerce. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of tribal government, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Business revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes and other sales revenues from convenience stores, travel plazas, tobacco stores, other tribal businesses as well as rental and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, the Chickasaw Times and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditures for education include education scholarships as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending February 28, 2017

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$16.8 million for the month and \$88.5 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$12.8 million for the month and \$65.2 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through February totaled \$564.9 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$112.1 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$31.6 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At February 28, 2017, the tribal government funds had \$391.9 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$22.6 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$262.3 million in cash and investments which is reserved

for accounts payable and business operations.

As of February 28, 2017, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of \$2.28 billion.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Five Months Ended February 28, 2017			
	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues			
	\$ 7,902,188	564,934,270	572,836,458
Transfers From Businesses To Tribal Government	80,577,070	(80,577,070)	-
Total Funds Available	88,479,258	484,357,200	572,836,458
Expenditures			
General Government	3,170,081	-	3,170,081
Legislature	1,254,723	-	1,254,723
Judiciary	529,482	-	529,482
Education	12,005,378	-	12,005,378
Heritage Preservation	10,883,329	-	10,883,329
Health	7,718,599	-	7,718,599
Youth Services	2,493,202	-	2,493,202
Family Services	6,591,195	-	6,591,195
Nutrition Programs	3,103,716	-	3,103,716
Regulatory	5,595,608	-	5,595,608
Assistance Programs	11,883,253	-	11,883,253
Gaming Expense	-	326,552,248	326,552,248
Other Businesses' Expense	-	126,234,092	126,234,092
Total Expenditures	65,228,563	452,786,339	518,014,903
Increase In Net Assets	23,250,695	31,570,861	54,821,556
Beginning Net Assets	871,188,746	1,355,004,419	2,226,193,164
Ending Net Assets	\$ 894,439,440	1,386,575,280	2,281,014,720
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets February 28, 2017			
	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash And Investments	\$ 391,872,268	262,346,533	654,218,801
Receivables	14,669,660	120,920,581	135,590,241
Inventory	5,901	7,411,658	7,417,559
Prepaid Expenses	-	28,433,474	28,433,474
Other Assets	-	1,078,139	1,078,139
Fixed Assets	493,043,772	1,115,569,840	1,608,613,612
Less Payables	(5,152,160)	(149,184,946)	(154,337,106)
Net Assets	\$ 894,439,440	1,386,575,280	2,281,014,720

You can travel about anywhere and you are bound to meet a Chickasaw!

I have decided that fellow Chickasaw citizens can be found just about anywhere! On March 16, my husband, Rick and I attended the Academy Of Western Artists (AWA), 21st Annual Will Rogers Awards Banquet. This event is held near the Stockyards in Fort Worth, Texas. The mission of the AWA is to preserve the image of the American Cowboy. A product of the USA that is known worldwide. The AWA created the Will Rogers Cowboy Awards in 1996, when Western Publisher and AWA founder Bobby Nelson decided it was time to recognize the performers and artisans who were taking the contemporary Cowboy and Western Art movement to new and exciting heights.



BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

When the doors opened to allow attendees in, Rick and I began looking for a place to sit. We landed at a table about midway in the banquet hall. It was fair game - no signs indicating reserved seating. ...A man and his wife soon approached asking to join us. Of course we said “yes!” As we began to visit, the truth is revealed - Mr. Gary Robertson and his wife Marianne, are there for him to receive an award for Male Cowboy Poet. How exciting! They currently reside in Thousand Oaks, California but Gary mentions that his family roots are tied to Oklahoma. While in the area, they will be looking for a living location near Sulphur, Oklahoma for when he retires. I mention that Sulphur is located in the Chickasaw Nation and that I am an elected official with the Nation. Mr. Robertson then says, “I am Chickasaw too!” Wow! He is a descendant of Original Enrollee Alex McGee #3112 and is a cousin to former Legislator, Mitch Sperry. He blessed us with a specially signed copy of his book of selected poems: A Treasure Trove of Memories. www.GarysCowboyPoetry.com. One last interesting fact: Mr. Bobby Nelson and his cousin, Mr. Jess Young are responsible for producing this event. Both men are Chickasaw and descendants of Mr. GW Young, a former Tribal Legislator, cattleman and land owner (now current day Goddard Ranch). Bobby, his wife, Bette and daughter Wendy reside in Gene Autry, OK. For more information on the Academy of Western Artists see their website, www.AWAwards.org or Facebook Page, www.Facebook.com/TheAcademyofWesternArtists.

“I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed Me.” Genesis 22:17-18

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Gary Robertson and his wife, Marianne, with his Buck Ramsey Award.

‘Pro Se’ actions common in court; Peacemakers help resolve disputes

Chokma! What an exciting month March, 2017 has been for the Judicial Department.

The Chickasaw Nation Bar Association continuing legal education spring seminar is scheduled for April 28, 2017, at Winstar Convention Center to begin at 8 a.m. This seminar will be 1/2 day seminar. There will be a judicial panel which will include Chickasaw Nation District Court Judge, Dustin Rowe, Eugene Bertman of the firm Talley, Turner & Bertman who is currently a Delaware Supreme Court Justice; Shannon Prescott is currently a Delaware Nation District Judge in Anadarko; Lisa Otipoby who is currently a tribal judge for numerous tribal courts. Joe Balkenbush, Ethics Counsel of the Oklahoma Bar Association will speak on Ethics and Attorney Well Being. We are also pleased to have Jason Christopher, attorney from Ada to speak on the updates in the criminal code of Oklahoma. Please register with Ginger Sanders, District Court Clerk Deputy, (580) 235-0279. This seminar is approved for three credit hours including one hour of ethics and approved by the Oklahoma Bar Association. Contact information for our Bar Association members is listed at www.chickasaw.net on the



CHERI BELLEFEUILLE-GORDON

Chief Justice Supreme Court

judicial page click Bar Association. In last month’s article I discussed the court. I would like to explain the “Pro Se” court aspect of our court. Pro Se is Latin meaning “for self” or on one’s own behalf. You appear “pro se” in a legal action when you represent yourself directly in a legal action (in or out of court) and do not have an attorney speaking for you. “Pro Se” refers to representing yourself in any type of legal matter without the benefit of legal counsel. Proof of tribal membership must be filed before a case will be docketed to be heard by the judge.

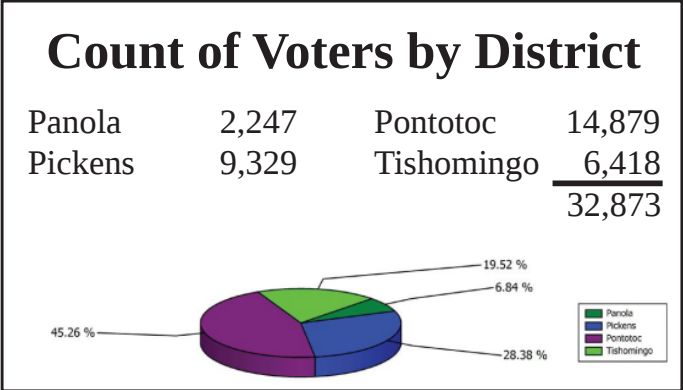
We also have a peacemaking court as provided in the Chickasaw Code Section 5-1401.5 Use of Tribal Traditions and Customary Law.

“A Peacemaker shall have authority to use tribal cultural teachings and customs, including a present day religious teachings, in the peacemaking process if the Peacemaker reasonably believes that such will further the objective of voluntarily resolving a dispute. Peacemakers shall have the authority to consult with tribal elders regarding tribal customs and traditions.”

and in the Chickasaw Code Section 5-1401.5 Jurisdiction of the Peacemaking Court.

“The Peacemaking Court shall have jurisdiction over any matter referred to it by the District Court and upon the agreement of both parties who agree to be bound by the decision of the Peacemaking Court as endorsed by the District Court. If a peacemaker determines that the peacemaking process cannot produce an agreed resolution of the matter, the Peacemaker shall transfer the case back to the District Court which shall resume jurisdiction over the case.”

We currently have four peacemaking judges. The Chickasaw Nation District Court continues to strive to serve the citizens to the best of their abilities. District Court Clerk, Wayne Joplin and Deputy Court Clerks, Edward Stillwell, Jeanie Jones, Ginger Sanders, Tiffany Post oak, are available to assist you Monday thru Friday 8 a.m.



to 5 p.m., at the Chickasaw District Court. If you have any questions, you may call: (580) 235-0279. If you would like to speak with a Court Advocate, they will schedule you an appointment.

The District Court had a total of 43 NEW cases filed in February, 2017. The Court Advocates assisted 65 individuals in the month of February, 2017. As our records indicate, we are continuing to grow and with that growth we will endeavor to provide our citizens with service and guidance to meet their legal needs.

During February 21 – 24, 2017, District Court Deputy Clerks, Edward Stilwell and Tiffany Post oak traveled to Nevada to attend a two (2) day training, testing and certification as court clerks. Both passed their testing with flying colors. We are so blessed to have them both with us at the court. The certification training was conducted by J. Dalton Institute.

On March 2, 2017, Governor Anoatubby presented the District Court Clerk Deputy, Jeanie Jones, a wooden clock for her 15 years of employment with the Chickasaw Nation. We are very proud to have Jeanie in the Judicial Department. The Supreme Court held a luncheon the same day to recognize her accomplishments and dedication of 15 years of service to the Chickasaw citizens.

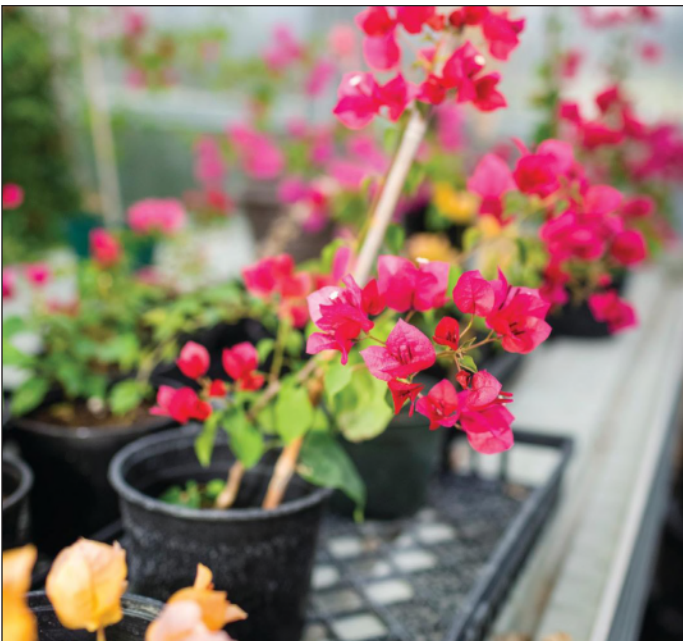
Again, it is my pleasure to report on a busy and successful month in the Judicial Department. As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Chief Justice. It is a privilege and an honor to serve you. CHIPISALA’ CHO ANOWA means “Until I see you again”.

Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon. Please contact me, I would love to hear from you (580) 235-0281 or cheri.bellefeuille-gordon@chickasaw.net.



District Court Clerk Deputy Jeanie Jones.

Landscape packages distribution begins April 18



DAVIS, Okla. - Chickasaw Farms will begin distribution of landscape packages Tuesday, April 18. The program will run through October.

Chickasaw homeowners are eligible to receive an initial landscaping package of three trees, six shrubs, three ornamental grasses, 12 flowers and up to 10,000 square feet of Bermuda sod.

Chickasaw homeowners who have already received an initial package are eligible for a supplemental package every other year. The supplemental package includes one tree, two shrubs, two grasses and six flowers.

No income guidelines or pre-approval processes are required.

Applicants must provide the following:

- Completed application
- Homeownership documentation (i.e. homeowner's insurance declaration page, home mortgage papers or property tax assessment)
- Utility bill with the physical address of your home
- Copy of Chickasaw citizenship card

The landscaping packages are available for pickup from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday at Chickasaw Farms, 609 W. Main in Davis. There is no pickup on federal holidays.

For more information or an application, contact Chickasaw Farms at (580) 235-7234 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

Application and documentation is not needed until they pick up the landscaping package.

Sod Orders

Chickasaw Farms will begin taking sod orders, Monday, May 1. Sod is ordered on Monday and generally may be picked up Friday through October.

Orders are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Each pallet of sod contains 500 square feet and will weigh about one ton. Chickasaw citizens can receive up to 10,000 feet of Bermuda sod. The 10,000 square feet of sod is a cumulative limit and does not need to be picked up at one time or in the same year.

Chickasaw Farm employees encourage applicants picking up sod to check trailer axle weight limits. Sod is available in big roll(s) and small rolls (pallet sod). Big rolls require a tractor for unloading and installation. Small rolls can be installed by hand.

Sod Installation

Sod installation is available only for newly constructed homes within the Chickasaw Nation boundaries.

The homeowner is responsible for the dirt work preparation and will be required to sign a waiver and release form before the services are provided. The installation of sod is a one-time service and the maximum amount of sod installed is 8,640 square feet.

2016-2017 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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California freshman fitting in with Sooner crew

Chickasaw ballplayer finds calling on OU rowing team



KATIE ROBERTS

NORMAN, Okla. – Katie Roberts, a Chickasaw citizen from Santa Clarita, Calif., spent her afternoons on the basketball court throughout her high school career. As a freshman at the University of Oklahoma, she took a leap of faith and tried something different. Now she spends her mornings in the water as a member of the OU womens’ rowing team.

“I had no idea that rowing was a college sport a few months before coming to OU,” Ms. Roberts said. “One night, after my last high school basketball game, I was upset that I was never going to play a sport again, especially since I was already set to go to OU.

“My dad and I were sitting on the couch that night after the last game and he asked if there

was any way I could walk on to a team at OU and we came across rowing. I found out they hold walk-on tryouts for girls without experience. I was immediately interested and Googled rowing for hours that night, filling out a questionnaire online to get my name out to coaches. A few days later, they reached out to me and said I would be a good fit! I was named a recruited walk on and I don’t think I was ever more excited for anything.”

Rowing practice for Ms. Roberts starts at 6 a.m. at the Devon Boathouse, a \$10 million practice and training facility in downtown Oklahoma City on the banks of the Oklahoma River. She leaves the OU campus at 5:30 each morning, and dedicates about 20 hours a week in training and physical conditioning. She returns to campus by 9 a.m. each day for classes.

“We row on the river at the boathouse and sometimes we stay on campus and practice at the training center facility where we do workouts on the rowing machines, various core circuits and other exercises together,” Ms. Roberts said.

OU has its own state-of-the-art rowing practice facility on campus with a 16-seat “moving water” row tank, large workout area and sports medicine and hydrotherapy room. The center opened in spring 2014.

The water sport has two seasons, one in fall with 4k races and a spring season with a series of 2k races. Last semester, Ms.

Roberts competed in two races and hopes to be invited to more in future seasons. She credits her training with getting her into best shape of her life.

“Rowing is definitely the most physically demanding sport I’ve ever done in my life,” she said. “It takes a lot of determination, focus, time, hard work and energy, but it’s the most rewarding thing I’ve ever participated in.”

Ms. Roberts is majoring in sports management and plans to pursue sports law after graduation.

“My dream is to work in the professional sports industry, whether it be the NFL or NBA, and my goal would to become a sports agent or a team attorney,” she said.

She stays on track with her studies and connects to her Chickasaw culture through a Chickasaw Nation program, the Chokka’ Kilimpi’ Recruitment and Retention program.

“I really enjoy getting together with the Recruitment and Retention team a couple of times a month, they are so welcoming and helpful,” she said. “They answer any questions I have regarding scholarships and keep me involved in the various events they hold on campus.”

She has also received higher education support through Chickasaw Nation Higher Education program grants, textbook grants and clothing funding.

“Being an out-of-state student, tuition can be pricy, but I am so blessed to receive support from



Chilly temperatures and spring break did not break the stride of the University of Oklahoma (OU) women’s rowing team. Chickasaw citizen Katie Roberts, an OU Freshman, was welcomed onto the team this fall. The girls rowed about four miles during practice.

the Chickasaw Nation,” she said. “It definitely helps my family to have those funds available.”

Though most of her day is spent at rowing practice, class and study, Ms. Roberts attends a weekly youth group, is a member of the sports management club and participates in Chokka’ Kilimpi’ cultural and social events. Access to the Chokka’ Kilimpi’ program, she said, helped her stay connected as a Chickasaw citizen.

“Chickasaw citizens are known to be strong-willed, passionate, hard-working people and I believe being a Division 1 athlete encompasses these traits,” she said. “Having the title of an athlete at OU, I work hard to be the best leader and role model I can be both athletically and academically. I hope to represent the

Chickasaw Nation well.”

The Chokka’ Kilimpi’ Recruitment and Retention program is active on three college campuses in Oklahoma - OU, the University of Central Oklahoma and Oklahoma City Community College. Education coordinators are available to Chickasaw students for academic monitoring, funding assistance navigation, career counseling and cultural and social event connections.

Students can apply to be part of the Chokka’ Kilimpi’ Recruitment and Retention program by calling (405) 767-8940, emailing CK@Chickasaw.Net or visiting www.Chickasaw.Net/CK.

For more information about Chickasaw Nation Higher Education programs, visit www.Chickasaw.Net/Highered.

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Dedication leads to new four-song set, plenty of gigs

Chickasaw guitarist moves to forefront through discipline, practice



Chickasaw citizen Connor Hicks tunes his guitar before laying tracks in the studio. Mr. Hicks recently completed a four track EP of original works. These can be found on Apple Music, iTunes, SoundCloud, Spotify and YouTube.

Budding musician and Chickasaw citizen Connor Hicks has been busy.

He is a full-time student at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond and works at the Chickasaw Nation Oklahoma City Regional Office. He also has written, produced and recorded his first four-song EP, Savior.

The original songs on the EP include “Savior,” “Invincible,” “Good Girl” and “Too Much Love.” The songs have been released online at Apple Music, iTunes, SoundCloud, Spotify and YouTube. In the future, the EP will be available on CD as well.

Raised in Ada, Okla., the 19-year-old Mr. Hicks found his passion for music recently. He began singing at 15, while also

learning to play the guitar. Before seeking formal training, he watched online videos for hours to perfect his guitar skills and improve his vocal range.

“I still use audio files and YouTube tutorial videos I found on the internet years ago to help me improve,” he said. “I play these in my car to exercise my voice. One of these is a pianist playing scales. I listen to this while practicing my vocal scales almost every day as I drive.”

Mr. Hicks was a full-time student at the University of Central Oklahoma Academy of Contemporary Music when he first engaged in traditional music lessons. He is now pursuing a degree in music performance, and also performs at music festivals throughout Oklahoma. He provides back-up vocals and instrumentals for other artists’ recordings.

“I want to plug into the Oklahoma City music scene,” he said. “The University of Central Oklahoma’s Academy of Contemporary Music is the only school of its type in the state. I have met and worked with a lot of great musicians. Almost everyone in Oklahoma who is pursuing contemporary music performance goes here.”

Learning to become an entertainer, he said, had sometimes been discouraging. It has taken work to sharpen his natural singing, guitar and songwriting abilities. His admires musicians such as Jimmie Hendrix, Stevie Ray Vaughn and John Mayer. His

love of music gives him the determination to pursue his dream of being a professional artist.

The songwriting process, Mr. Hicks said, is something that comes in spurts. Some songs come to him in large chunks and are finished in a day or two. Others are ongoing projects lasting months at a time. Often, his emotional state and life experiences play a role in the process.

“For me, lyrics are the toughest part of completing songs,” he said. “I have been playing guitar a lot longer than I have been a songwriter. I haven’t had the experiences most seasoned songwriters have. Life continues to teach me things that I incorporate into my music.”

Once Hicks has the lyrics and basic chords worked out for a song, he begins practicing and tweaking the song with peers.

“I have a group of guys I work regularly with,” he said. “I will often take a song I am working on and talk it out with them. We will work on it at a practice session, trying to find the song’s rhythm. With their input, this usually takes a couple of hours.”

His advice to other budding musicians is to “stick it out.” For Mr. Hicks, that means learning existing songs, and the techniques to play them, that they enjoy. He believes learning these songs translates into better songwriting and composition of original pieces. Including blues, pop and rock genres, Mr. Hicks currently knows more than five hours of cover pieces.



Mr. Hicks plays before a large crowd during the 2016 West Fest in Oklahoma City.

“I enjoy playing and creating music,” he said. “It is an outlet for just about every mood that I am in. More than likely, at some point during the day, I am going to either pick up the guitar or sing.”

His parents, Mr. Hicks said, fostered a love for all Native American cultures.

“I am proud of all Native Americans, but personally I identify more with my Chickasaw heritage,” he said. “I am glad I am a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation. The tribe strives to help its people. I like to see other Chickasaw accomplish their dreams.”

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A message from Chickasaw Jr. Princess Ke-Ke Factor



Ke-Ke Factor
Chickasaw Jr. Princess

Chokma!

Ke-Ke Factor saya micha 14 years old saya. I am in the eighth grade at Latta Jr. High. My parents are Gwen Burris and Stan Factor.

I’m enjoying my reign as the Chickasaw Jr. Princess. I’m proud to represent the Chickasaw Nation at different events.

During fall break, my princess sisters and I toured our Homeland in Tupelo, Mississippi. It was an awesome experience to walk on the same grounds as my ancestors and be in the same places they once were. This trip made me appreciate the sacrifices they made so our Nation could continue to grow and be Unconquered

and Unconquerable.

It has been great to see so many people at the different events. I always enjoy meeting our elders. I’ve had the chance to meet princesses from other tribes and perform the Lord’s Prayer with them.

When I reflect on my time as Little Miss Chickasaw, I am always reminded of what Governor Anoatubby said, “Once a princess, always a princess.”

I look forward to spending more time with my Princess Sisters, Julie and LaKala, and representing you this year!

Chi Pisa La Cho,
Chickasaw Jr. Princess
Ke-Ke Factor

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BIRTHS



CHARLES PAUL GREENHAW

Charles Paul Greenhaw (Charlie) was born December 21, 2016 at Oklahoma City. He weighed 5 lbs., 6 oz.

He is the son of Dr. Cody Greenhaw, an optometrist in Oklahoma City and Kristin Greenhaw an attorney in Oklahoma City.

He is the grandson of Nancy Pruett Ross, of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, and the great-great-grandson of Tishie McKinney Stephens, registered on the Dawes Roll.



KASE LAWE MAYFIELD

Kase Lawe Mayfield was born 10:32 a.m., October 7, 2016 at Mercy Hospital, Oklahoma City. He weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz. and measured 21 inches at birth.

He is the son of Kenny and Suzanne Mayfield, of Ada, Oklahoma.

He is the grandson of Cathy and Russell Eaves, Jimmy Mayfield, Lynn and Jerry Rich and Kathy and Gary Harless.

He is the great-grandson of Joe and Linda Medlock and Marilene Harless



ISON RHYS SCHAFER MORGAN

Destany (Schafer) and Larry Morgan are happy to announce the arrival of their son, Ison Rhys Schafer Morgan.

Ison was born 1:49 p.m., January 19, 2017 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, Ada, Oklahoma. He weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz., and measured 20 and 1/2 inches.

Maternal grandparents are Todd L. Schafer, of Honolulu, Hawaii and Traci Ison Schafer, of Moore, Oklahoma.

Paternal grandparents are Larry Sr. and Donna Morgan, of Haleyville, Oklahoma and Teresa L. Miller, of McAlester, Oklahoma.

His great-grandparents are Phyllis Schafer and A.J. Williams, of Springfield, Ohio, Ginny and the late Don Schafer, of Fort Myers, Florida, Liz and Larry Shaw, of Mountain Home, Idaho, Sandi and Thomas "Beau" Miller, of Hartshorne, Oklahoma, and the late Altaclair and Bill Morgan, of Hartshorne.

Gospel Singing! McKiddieville Friendly Mission

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10651 156 Street, Lexington, Oklahoma
(Hwy 77 North from Lexington to Slaughterville Road, right to five miles)
Supper: 5 p.m.
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Bring a covered dish for fellowship.
Gospel Singers Welcome!
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Emcee: Bro. Bill Alexander
For more information call (405) 519-5714.

BIRTHS



COLT EDWARD WOOD

Dr. Scott and Ashley Wood proudly announce the birth of their son, Colt Edward, born at 9:10 a.m., March 4, 2017, at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital, Dallas.

He weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz., and measured 20 1/2 inches at birth.

He joins three sisters, Cheyenne, Neely, and Kayla Wood.

Paternal grandparents are Larry and Eugenia Wood, of Tishomingo, Oklahoma. Paternal uncle is Brent Wood, of Coleman, Oklahoma. Paternal great-grandparents are the late Louise Wadlington of Tishomingo, Oklahoma and the late Frank Wood of Ada, Oklahoma.

Chickasaw point guard on state championship squad



TERRYSHA BANNER

A Chickasaw athlete has recently played as a member of an Arizona high school championship team.

Terrysha Banner helped guide the Valley Vista Monsoons, of Surprise, Ariz., over the Millennium Tigers, of Goodyear, Ariz., for the Division 6A Girls Basketball Arizona State Championship. Terrysha is a junior point guard, and an integral part of the girls' team.

Terrysha was also named 6A Southwest Division Defensive Player of the Year by the Arizona Interscholastic Association.

Terrysha's hometown is Ada, Okla., and she is a proud citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

She is the daughter of Tawannah Love, and the granddaughter of V. Lou Greenwood-Boston.

She represents her tribe each time she laces her shoes and hits the court. Although her physical location is many miles from Ada, her heart carries the Chickasaws. She understands the value of having a tribe to be accountable to. She knows it is her honor to use her talents to continue to make a path for all those who want and cannot do the things that she is blessed to be able to do.

Rabbit Run 5K at Purcell City Lake

PURCELL, Okla. - The annual Rabbit Run 5K is set for Saturday, April 22 at Purcell City Lake. The 1-mile fun walk begins at 8 a.m. and the 5k run at 8:30 a.m.

To register visit www.rabbitrun5k.itsyourrace.com. Online registration closes April 15. On-site registration will be available on the day of run.

For more information, contact Beth Cartwright at (580) 559-0880 or chickasawrun@chickasaw.net.



STAFF SGT. CHRISTIAN WILLIAMS

Chickasaw Marine 'Rookie Recruiter of the Year'

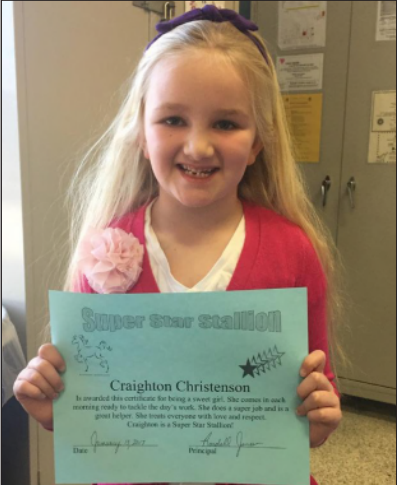
U.S. Marine Staff Sgt. Christian Williams received "Rookie Recruiter of the Year" honors for the Detroit area. Sgt. Williams is a Chickasaw citizen and is from Stonewall, Oklahoma.

Sgt. Williams will begin his 10th year as a U.S. Marine on July 9, 2017. Congratulations Christian, your family is very proud of you!

Sgt. Williams is the son of Marilyn Coltz, stepfather Kerry Everett, and father Quintin Williams.

He is the grandson of the late Larry and Nancy Coltz, Elizabeth and the late Floyd Williams, William and Jackie Standifer; uncles and aunts include Herman and the late Opal Walker, the late Merle and Ida Stick, William Sr. and Zella Gaines, Hazel Wallace and the late Joe Wallace, Gary and Laverna Walker, and Virgil and Mona Walker. He has one sister, Candace Williams, and numerous cousins.

Chickasaw student earns Super Star Stallion award



CRAIGHTON CHRISTENSEN

Craighton Christensen, a Chickasaw, was recently given January's Super Star Stallion award at Schwartz Elementary in the Mid-Del (OK) School District for her first grade class.

Craighton was cited for being "a sweet girl, being ready each morning to tackle the day's work, doing a super job and being a great helper and treating everyone with love and respect." She is the daughter of Adam and Trisha Christensen and granddaughter of Chickasaw elder, Philip Wiseman and his wife, Pat.

Nutrition Services' Eagle Adventure takes flight to Standing Rock and Spirit Lake Nations

The Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education Program's Eagle Adventure is broadening its horizons to the Standing Rock Sioux and Spirit Lake Nations.

Nutrition Services recently trained North Dakota nutrition educators representing the Spirit Lake Nation, North Dakota State University and Standing Rock Sioux Nation.

Eagle Adventure's goal is to prevent type 2 diabetes among Native American families using culturally appropriate education.

Elisah Poulsen, of the food distribution program of Spirit Lake Nation; Kim Fox, of North Dakota State University serving Spirit Lake Nation and Mary Jean Hunt-

Chickasaw student selected to National Jr. Honor Society



CAITLIN MARY HAYS

Caitlin Mary Hays, a seventh-grade Chickasaw citizen from Davidson, N.C., has been honored as a member of the prestigious organization, the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). NJHS is an international student organization with chapters in middle schools (grades 6-9). It was founded by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, and today has chapters in the U.S., Puerto Rico, other U.S. Territories, and Canada.

Caitlin had to meet the five standards of NJHS to be considered for membership. The standards are leadership, citizenship, character, service and scholarship. In addition to these standards, common requirements include maintaining a high grade point average with a minimum of 3.5 and above. Caitlin has been and will continue to be involved in service projects for her school and community. She also keeps abreast of tribal activities by reading the Chickasaw Times and enthusiastically applies for and receives the Chickasaw Honor Club's gift card.

Caitlin has excelled in her academics at Lake Norman Christian School. She has also been quite competitive in the athletic arena. She trains and participates in the Lake Norman Christian School's cross country team and also runs track for North Charlotte Running Academy. Some stellar accomplishments for a seventh grader!

Caitlin is a proud Chickasaw and is the daughter of Greg and Kara Hays and sister to Alex and Lily Hays of Davidson, N.C.; granddaughter of Phil and Trish Fowler Hays, of Hot Springs, Ark., and Kairrel and Kathy Ladner, of Kiln, Miss.; great-granddaughter of the late Harve and Mary Helen Hays, of Wynnewood, Okla., and Nicholas Bit and Lillian Fowler, of Pauls Valley, Okla.

Her great-grandmother, Lillian Blackwood Fowler, was the first Nutrition Specialist and a Charter Chickasaw Community Health Representative for the Chickasaw Nation.

Caitlin's family is very proud of her accomplishments and wants to highlight the successes of another Chickasaw youth.

Chickasaw high schooler leads team to Oklahoma 3A powerlifting title



TYLER EDGAR

Tyler Edgar, a senior at Sulphur (OK) High School, helped lead the Bulldog Powerlifting team to State Champions in Powerlifting in class 3A.

Tyler has been involved with powerlifting since eighth grade. He won third place in his weight class, which added to the team points. He also won first place the previous week in the Southeast Regionals meet, where the Bulldogs were named Regional Champions.

He also has received numerous awards for his accomplishments on the football field.

Tyler was named All-District Defensive Player of the Year, All-Area Defensive Lineman, and All-Star Defensive Lineman, the last award being for the entire state of Oklahoma.

He was a three-year starter for the Bulldogs, playing both defense and offense.

Tyler is the son of Steven and Stacy Edgar, of Sulphur.

Memorial lunch, singing for Rev. Jefferson Davis Frazier April 29 in Ada

The family of Jefferson Davis Frazier will host a memorial lunch and singing with photo slide.

The event is scheduled for noon - 4 p.m., Saturday, April 29, 2017 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, 700 N. Mississippi, Ada.

All family and friends are invited to attend.

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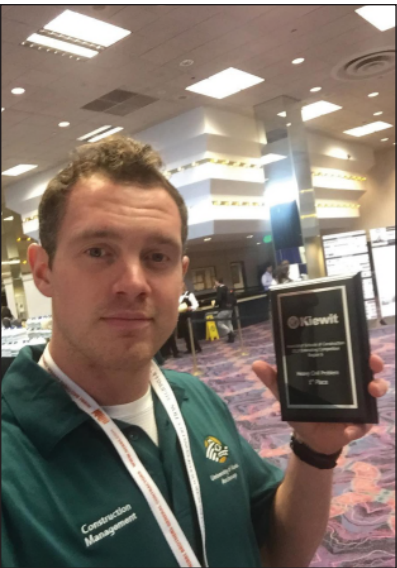
School-to-Work success story

Chickasaw student dovetails love of art, design into inviting career



Chickasaw citizen Will Bailey, with fiancé Cady Murphy, used Chickasaw Nation education and career training programs to turn his talent for art into a career in interactive design with the Chickasaw Nation Training Department.

Chickasaw construction management student tops in industry competition



Chickasaw citizen Randy Adams recently competed in a competition for college students majoring in construction management. Mr. Adams, a senior at the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA), and his UAA team won the Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) competition in Sparks, Nevada, in February.

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“Competing at ASC was a tremendous experience for me,” Mr. Adams said. “My role in our team of six was project manager. My responsibilities included managing RFI’s, addenda, subcontractor quotes, bid documents and assisting with estimating calculations and logistics. My team and I had been preparing since August of

last year holding monthly simulations where we created bids on practice problems. The whole process was a great learning experience.”

This is the third win for the UAA team in four years. The competition is an intense three-day experience during which students work with real multi-million dollar proposals for projects that have recently been built. It’s the most prestigious event for construction management students in the country.

The competition prepares students for the construction business and provides opportunities for networking and improving interview skills. Major construction company recruiters attend the competition to scout for standout students.

Mr. Adams, who is graduating in May with a bachelor’s degree in construction management and a minor in business administration, has been inspired by construction since playing with LEGOs as a child. He has been able to reach his educational goals with the support of the Chickasaw Nation’s Higher Education Program.

“It took me a long time to realize that construction management was what I wanted to do, only because I didn’t know the difference between being a construction manager or architect or engineer,” Mr. Adams said.

After graduation, Mr. Adams plans to begin his career outside of Alaska, where he was born and raised, and pursue a master’s degree in business administration.

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ADA, Okla. – The success Chickasaw citizen Will Bailey has achieved has been recently featured in the Pontotoc Technology Center (PTC) *CareerTech Champions* newsletter. Mr. Bailey leveraged his lifelong love of art into a full-time career with the Chickasaw Nation through the support of career training and higher education programs.

A childhood of painting and drawing led him to media arts class in high school, which lead to custom air brushing and paint work after hours. His talent for artistic design took him to PTC, where he earned certifications in Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator and a National Career Readiness Certificate.

He also received on-the-job training as junior graphic designer/interactive developer in the Chickasaw Nation Training Department as part of the School-to-Work program.

“The School-to-Work program provided full-time pay for the hours that I was in class, and also the hours at the on-the-job

site, adding up to a full 40 hours a week,” Mr. Bailey said. “Because of this I did not have to work at an evening job, and was able to focus on school and my family.”

He completed the Multimedia Specialist/Graphic Design program at PTC in nine months, and graduated with a 4.0 grade point average in May 2016. He is now using his skills full time with the Chickasaw Nation as an interactive developer in the training department.

“The programs I learned at PTC and skills I developed while in the School-to-Work program are used in my job now,” Mr. Bailey said. “As interactive developer, I develop, design and create visual concepts with computer software, like Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator, to communicate ideas that inform or assist employees in on-line or in-class trainings.”

In addition to the School-to-Work program, he received educational support from the Chickasaw Nation Career Technology Program. The program offers funding to Chickasaw students

pursuing occupational education at accredited career technology centers, trade schools or privately-licensed training facilities. Funding is available for full- and part-time students, is not income-based and is open to Chickasaw citizens who live anywhere.

The program also provides assistance with fees for occupational licensing and certification exams, certification completion incentives, and textbook and supply assistance grants.

For more information on the career technology program, visit www.Chickasaw.Net/CareerTech or call (580) 421-7711.

To learn more about the school-to-work program, visit www.Chickasaw.Net and search “school to work.” Information and applications are available online or by calling (580) 222-2839. Citizens can also visit www.chickasaw.net/careers to find school to work program openings, or contact a Chickasaw Nation citizen recruiter at ChickasawRecruiters@Chickasaw.net.

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Oklahoma State University Center for Sovereign Nation student ambassadors spent the morning of March 6 with culinary senior Seth Jordan learning how to whip up winning dishes at “Center Served” event, a “Chopped”-style culinary competition. From left are Jordan, Chickasaw citizen Maggie Adcock, Cherokee citizen Zach Kensinger and Chickasaw citizen Masheli Billy.

Sovereign Nations Center students compete in OSU ‘chefs’ challenge’

STILLWATER, Okla. - Fifteen Native American student ambassadors from the Oklahoma State University Center for Sovereign Nations donned aprons and toques for a Chopped-style culinary showdown March 6 in Stillwater. Three of the competitors - Maggie Adcock, Masheli Billy and Sadie Elmore - are Chickasaw student leaders.

The students competed in a professional teaching kitchen as a part of a partnership between the center and the OSU School of Hotel and Restaurant Administration. The event was in conjunction with a Sovereignty Speaks lecture on tribal gaming and hospitality by Chickasaw Nation Gaming Commissioner D. Scott Colbert.

Students were randomly split into teams with student ambassadors, center students and students from the culinary school. Teams had five minutes to decide what to make and one hour to cook their main course.

“Knives, fire, craziness...it’s everyday life for us but it’s pretty fun to watch when there are people in the kitchen who aren’t always in the kitchen professionally,” chef Tiffany Poe, executive chef and clinical instructor for School, said.

Ms. Elmore was part of team three along with Emma Kincaid, a Cherokee citizen, and Mason Two Crow, a Choctaw citizen. Ms. Elmore whisked Cajun cream sauce as she talked about their competition entrée. Throughout the competition, students learned about developing flavors, using aromatics and plating a dish to present as a work of edible art.

“Our dish was blackened Cajun steak topped with andouille, rice pilaf and Cajun cream sauce,” Ms. Elmore said. “It’s been a learning

experience to partner with the human sciences students. It’s a great team building exercise and has been fun.”

Judges included the Chickasaw Nation Education executive officer Danny Wells, and Chickasaw radio KCNP’s Mike Manos, along with representatives from OSU and the Choctaw Nation.

Five teams presented their culinary creations to the five judges and waited anxiously as their dishes were tasted. Two teams rose to the top, Ms. Elmore’s team and, team one, including Ms. Adcock and Mr. Billy, along with Cherokee citizen Zach Kensinger. Dishes were critiqued on presentation and taste.

“I learned how important time management is, especially in the kitchen, and how to braise buttered shrimp,” Ms. Adcock said.

The two teams who won round one were given a secret ingredient to work into their desserts - dried Fresno chilies. They had 30 minutes to come up with a show-stopping confection featuring the secret ingredient.

Mixers whirled, students chopped, and skillets sizzled in the kitchen as students prepared the desserts for round two. Team one created chocolate molten lava cakes with a caramel drizzle topped with homemade whipped cream, raspberries and blackberries. The chilies were incorporated into the cakes and caramel drizzle.

Team three concocted crepes with chili-infused spicy Nutella sauce, strawberry mango relish and toasted almonds.

In the end, team three took the cake, winning trophies for both taste and presentation. But all the students won, with their new culinary knowledge, teamwork skills and partnership with stu-

dents in a study that is relevant to tribal enterprise.

“We are a true collaborative that includes sovereign nation partners, leadership, academic partners, alumni, friends, deans, professors, students and families,” Sovereign Center director Elizabeth Payne said. “At every turn we try to bring those who have a heart for students together so that we can serve them in unison. There’s not greater joy than being part of the university team.”

For more information about the services offered at the OSU Center for Sovereign Nations, visit sovnationcenter.okstate.edu.

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Oklahoma State University student and Chickasaw citizen Maggie Adcock works against the clock in the dessert round at the OSU Center for Sovereign Nations “Center Served” event, a “Chopped”-style culinary competition, March 6.

Youth diabetes camp set for June 12 - 16 in Chouteau

The Chickasaw Nation partners with 19 other tribal entities to offer a diabetes prevention summer sleepaway camp for Native American children ages eight through 12.

Chickasaw students can apply now to attend the Native American Youth Preventing Diabetes Camp (NYPD), at Camp Takatoka in Chouteau, Okla. The Chickasaw Nation will cover the cost of the camp for selected students.

Camp will be Monday, June 12 through Friday, June 16. Transportation from Ada and Shawnee, Okla., will be provided.

NYPD camp is an initiative created by a coalition of tribes and tribal health organizations. Coalition volunteers created the camp to educate Native youth about nutrition, self-esteem, physical fitness and diabetes prevention while enjoying all the fun of a traditional summer camp.

To apply or learn more about NTPD camp, contact Angie Wrublewski at (580) 421-7711 or Angela.Wrublewski@Chickasaw.net.

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April is ‘National Stress Awareness Month’

Reduce negative stress in your life by adding a few techniques to your routine

Everyone feels stressed from time to time. Stress can lead to health problems, ranging from anxiety to severe depression and from mild acne to life-threatening heart attacks. It is vitally important to keep life's major stressors in check.

In recognition of National Stress Awareness Month, the Chickasaw Nation presents tips to help people respond to stress and decrease stress levels.

1. **Get and/or Stay Healthy** - Taking control of your personal health can make a great difference in the amount of stress you feel. The best way to reclaim control of your life is by taking charge of your body. Whether it is through diet, exercise, or simply getting that checkup you've been putting off, let April be the month you put yourself back in control.

2. **Make a Change** - It can be as simple as clearing the clutter off your desk or as elaborate as quitting smoking. The important thing is that you do something different. Even a small change can make a big difference when it comes to stress.

3. **Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW** for free advice and support about quitting smoking.

4. **Focus on Now** - Focusing on this perfect moment, right

now, provides a magical escape from the disappointment of what once was and the fear of what might be, and leaves stress stuck in a time warp.

5. **Talk to Yourself** - Sometimes a good pep talk is all you need to keep stress at bay. Maybe it is high time you gave yourself one by affirming what is right with your life instead of dwelling on what's wrong.

6. **Get the Giggles** - Laughter is the best medicine. Watch a funny show or video, tell a funny joke, or go to a card shop and read funny cards. Whatever it takes, give yourself time for laughter each and every day.

7. **Meditate** - A still mind is a stress-free mind, so take a deep breath, quiet your thoughts and let the stress melt away. Even 10 minutes of meditation done daily for the next 30 days will do wonders for releasing stress in your life.

8. **Keep a Happiness Journal** - Every evening for the next 30 days spend a few minutes reflecting on the day you just experienced and list five things about the day that delighted you.

9. **Help Someone Else** - Sometimes the best way to deal with stress is by providing relief to someone else. Putting your

focus on others takes the focus off your own challenges leading to less rumination and stress. So look around you, see who needs a hand up, and then offer yours.

10. **Make an Appointment** - Everyone struggles, but if you are going through a difficult time and none of the conventional advice seems to make it better, it may be time to try seeing a counselor.

Chickasaw Nation Outpatient Services offers individual, couples and family counseling services. It also offers therapy groups and educational workshops to address various topics, including parenting, grief, relationships, stress, anxiety, depression and substance abuse.

For more information about scheduling an appointment, contact Outpatient Services at (580) 436-1222 or visit www.chickasaw.net/outpatient.

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Application deadline is April 15

2017 Youth Camps, Clinics and Academies

The Chickasaw Nation is now accepting applications for 2017 youth camps, clinics and academies. A number of tribal divisions work together to offer a variety of educational and recreational activities for youth to explore new opportunities and learn new skills.

Application deadline is April 15, 2017.

Submitting an application does not guarantee selection to the camp. Applicants should be aware once acceptance to a youth services event has been determined, attendance is required.

For more information contact camps & recreation at (580) 272-5716 or youthcamps@chickasaw.net. Camp applications can be submitted online at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

For additional information and camp applications are available at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Stomp Out Sexual Assault Awareness Walk April 8

The Chickasaw Nation Department of Family Services is hosting the “Stomp Out Sexual Assault Awareness Walk” 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 8, at Wintersmith Park in Ada.

This event is free and open to the public. Lunch and t-shirts will be given out while supplies last.

The Chickasaw Martial Arts program will offer tips and illustrate defensive tactics.

Chickasaw Nation Residential Services executive officer Todd Crawford and Pontotoc County Assistant District Attorney Tara Portillo will speak.

The Chickasaw Princesses will present the Lord's Prayer in sign language.

Children attending the event will enjoy the Kiwanis Club attractions free of charge.

For more information about sexual assault or the Stomp Out Sexual Assault Awareness Walk, contact the Chickasaw Nation Violence Prevention Services at (580) 272-5580.

SUMMER EBT for Children

The Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services is now accepting applications for the summer EBT for children program.

This program is available to all students who meet the following requirements:

- Enrolled in a participating school district, in grades pre-K-12 and receive free or reduced meals

Qualifying families receive:

- Approximately \$30 of free food per child on an EBT card (works like a debit card) for three summer months
- List of participating stores
- Food card (shopping list) of approved food items

Applications are available at www.Chickasaw.net/SummerEBT.

For more information, or to apply over the phone, call the Chickasaw Nation SEBTC at (580) 272-1178 or (844) 256-3467.

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For more information, contact Carey Terrell at (580) 421-6255 or Carey.Terrell@Chickasaw.net

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We are looking for Chickasaws interested in recording oral histories of their families' life experiences.

These oral histories will be an opportunity to share the life experiences that bonded Chickasaw families together, through love, laughter and faith. These stories of determination, strength and perseverance are legacies that will be passed on to our future generations.

Recorded oral histories will be archived at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

For more information, please contact Donna Hartman at 580-226-4385.

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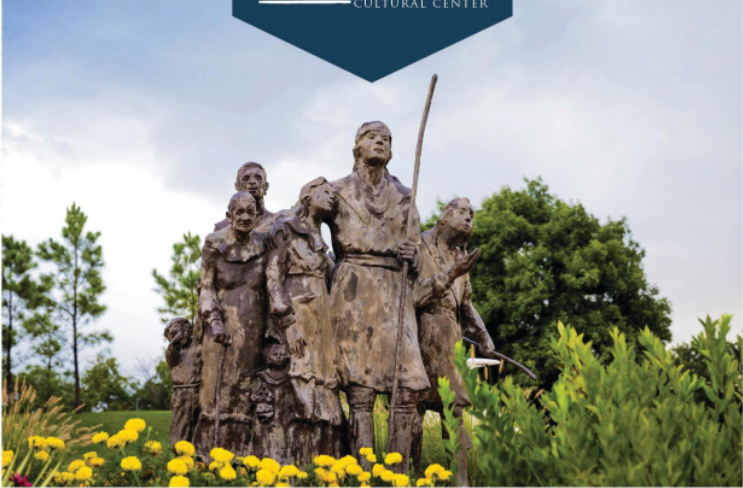
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A TIP FROM A
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**Some of the reasons to
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Amanda, age 30, Wisconsin



*Amanda smoked while she was pregnant.
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fed through a tube. Amanda could only hold her
twice a day. If you're pregnant or thinking about
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Program offers an exceptional ‘hand up’ to Chickasaw students

School-to-Work provides training, employment success in variety of careers



Kaylee Walker-Davis, right, earned a dental assisting certificate while participating in the Chickasaw Nation School-to-Work Program. She is now a dental assistant at the Purcell clinic. At left is Pontotoc County Technology Center instructor Rindy Brassfield.

The Chickasaw Nation School-to-Work program provides opportunity for Chickasaw citizens to pursue higher education goals full time while also receiving full-time pay and benefits. Participants receive the added advantage of on-the-job training during their educational pursuits. School-to-Work student Cameron Chavez-Rojo recently earned a bachelor’s degree in biology from East Central (OK) University. She has also begun work as an

administrative assistant in the Chickasaw Nation Healthy Lifestyles program. Mr. Chavez-Rojo worked with Chickasaw Nation Family Services during his on-the-job training. He plans to apply to graduate school to pursue his career interest of becoming a mental health care professional. “It would be rare to find a program like School-to-Work outside of the Chickasaw Nation,” he said. “The program provides opportu-

nities for Chickasaw citizens to further themselves as individuals, employees and as students.” On-the-job training provides students with specific employment opportunities related to their courses of study. While at work, students receive superior instruction and invaluable work experience, arming Chickasaws with enhanced opportunity to enter the corporate world upon graduation. Partnering with other tribal departments and businesses, the school-to-work program allows the Chickasaw Nation to “grow its own” by providing students with real world work experience while attending school, in an effort to increase employment retention and to nurture loyal, dedicated employees. School-to-Work jobs are found in a variety of employment settings, from gaming to education, medical, human resources and more. Kaylee Davis-Walker worked at the Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Dental Clinic while completing a dental assistant certification at Pontotoc Technology Center. Since graduation, she has begun work as a dental assistant at the Purcell

clinic. “My work experience was very beneficial for my career,” she said. “I learned so much more from the hands-on experience. The most important skill I learned was patient satisfaction. Making your patient feel warm and welcome is everything in the dental field, and that means a lot to me.” Lawanna Martin completed a bachelor’s degree in patient advocacy at the University of Oklahoma. She now works at the Norman Sovereign Clinic where she also completed her on-the-job training as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). “My career goal is to work in health care with a focus on patient education, case management, patient navigation and nursing education,” she said. “I want to work with the public to give them the best health care experience possible. Working at the Sovereign Clinic was valuable because I was able to work with patients who needed both routine and urgent care.” Ms. Martin said the program made it possible for her to pursue her degree while still maintaining employment and taking care of

her family. Assistance from several Chickasaw Nation grant programs including the laptop grant, text book grant and college clothing grant made it possible for her to achieve her education goals. Crystal Clary completed the LPN program at Southern Oklahoma Technology Center. She completed her on-the-job training in the Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Health Clinic. She plans to pursue a career in nursing and continue her education into health care law. “The School-to-Work program assisted me by giving me on-the-job experience and always being flexible so I had time to complete my studies,” Ms. Clary said. To learn more about the School-to-Work program, visit www.Chickasaw.Net and search “school to work.” Information and applications are available online or by calling (580) 222-2839. Citizens can also visit www.chickasaw.net/careers to find school-to-work program openings, or contact a Chickasaw Nation citizen recruiter at ChickasawRecruiters@Chickasaw.net.

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Postoak, Cox, Eidson Foundation scholarship recipients announced



BRANDON POSTOAK



JESSICA COX



JACE EIDSON

The Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to announce scholarship and grant recipients for Spring 2017. Brandon Postoak is the recipient of the Chickasaw Foundation Grants.

He is a graduate student at Oklahoma State University majoring in biomedical science. Jessica Cox is the recipient of the Mitch Sperry Memorial Scholarship. She is a graduate student at Oklahoma City University ma-

joring in law. Jace Eidson is the recipient of the Donald D. and J. Wenonah Gunning Memorial Scholarship. He is a freshman at the University of Oklahoma majoring in meteorology.

Apply online now for Foundation scholarships

Chickasaw citizens can now apply for 2017-2018 Chickasaw Foundation scholarships online. Native American students from any federally-recognized tribe are eligible to apply for the Chickasaw Foundation Health Professions Scholarship. Application deadline is June 1, 2017. The Chickasaw Foundation provides educational assistance for

Chickasaw students who demonstrate excellence in academics, community service and dedication to Native America and a commitment to learning. All scholarship funding begins each fall semester and is dependent upon the availability of funding. Scholarship awards shall be made payable directly to the student’s designated college or university. The award re-

quirements and amounts for each funding source may change during the course of a school year. If you are mailing an application, it must be delivered or postmarked by the deadline date to be considered for funding. For more information, contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030 or email ChickasawFoundation@chickasaw.net.

Tutoring reimbursement available in grades 1-12

As the end of the semester approaches, Spring fever can result in slipping grades. Chickasaw students can receive reimbursement for tutoring to improve their academic performance. The Chickasaw Nation Student Tutoring Reimbursement Program provides eligible students in grades one through 12 assistance with tutoring expenses. Students must be on an individual education plan (IEP) or at risk of failing the subject for which assistance is being requested. A referral letter from his/her teacher or school official must be provided. Students will need to provide: • Chickasaw citizenship card • Student Tutoring Reimbursement Program Application • Tutoring Allowance Assistance Log • Copy of student’s grade report • Proof of IEP • And/or referral letter from teacher or school official • Tutoring invoice (indicating payment received.) Applications can be found at <https://www.chickasaw.net/Services/Student-Tutoring-Reimbursement-Program>. For more information, call (580) 421-7711.

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Pediatric services expansion to continue



Ardmore Pediatric Clinic provides pediatric medical services in Ardmore and the surrounding communities. Mike McKee

ARDMORE, Okla. – The Chickasaw Nation provides access to health care for citizens, ranging from diabetic management to pediatric services. The Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Pediatric Clinic has been fully staffed since 2015. The staff includes with a pediatric physician and pediatric nurse practitioner. Patient visits, which totaled 102 in 2014, jumped to 5,567 in 2016. “The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center and outlying clinics work together really well by providing pediatrics and the same services in Ada for the Ardmore community,” said Ardmore Pediatric Clinic pediatrician Dr. Neil Rais. “This makes it easier to provide easy access to health care across the service area.”

Recent efforts have focused on outreach to citizens in Ardmore and surrounding communities. “Whenever I went to Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Pediatric Clinic and spoke with the staff, they were all very kind and understanding,” parent Sylvia Washburn said. “They went above and beyond for my children. I believe we could not find the type of health care the Chickasaw Nation provides anywhere else for my family.” Expansion of pediatric services will continue to Tishomingo and Purcell Health Clinics in 2017. For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Pediatric Clinic at (580) 222-2950.

Outstanding Achievement Award recipients



GARRETT GORMAN

Garrett Gorman, son of Jim and Gena Gorman, of Birmingham, Ala., was recently honored for Outstanding Achievement in leadership. Garrett is a fourth-grader at Oak Mountain Intermediate School in Birmingham. He was recognized by his Tae Kwon Do instructor, Master Justin Scarsella. Garrett has studied martial arts under Master Scarsella for four years and has achieved a black belt in Tae Kwon Do. “Garrett has worked with many different classmates and instructors throughout the years and he has always shown a friendly attitude and kindness toward others,” Mr. Scarsella said. “Tae Kwon Do is a structured activity with an emphasis on respect toward others. I have seen Garrett’s obedient nature while following the rules of our school and working hard to obtain his goals. I have seen him grow as a leader and when given additional responsibilities, he takes them seriously and works his hardest.” Garrett is part of the leadership team and demonstration team at World Class Tae Kwon Do. He also maintains a straight A report card and plays basketball and golf. He has a brother and a dog named Bucky. In the future, Garrett would like to be a professional basketball player.



JAMEELAH AHMED

Jameelah Ahmed, daughter of Osman Ahmed and Felicia Barton of Durant, Okla., was recently honored for Outstanding Academic Achievement. Jameelah is a ninth-grader at Durant (OK) High School. Academic advisor and counselor Cory Lowry recognized this Chickasaw student for her model performance in academics, athletics and extra-curricular activities. “In observing Jameelah throughout the school year, I learned that she is at the top of her class academically,” Mr. Lowry said. “She is a prime example of a model student and one that I would highly recommend for anything she chooses to do.” Jameelah is on the DHS football team and enjoys art, reading and dancing. She maintains a 4.0 grade-point average and is an honor roll member. In the future, she plans to attend Oklahoma State University, where she would like to study math and science.

Chickasaw Foundation recognizes its volunteers during National Volunteer Week April 23-27

The Chickasaw Foundation recognizes its many volunteers in celebration of National Volunteer Week, April 23-27. President Richard Nixon signed a 1974 executive order establishing the week as an annual celebration of volunteering. Every year since, each U.S. president, along with many governors, mayors and other elected officials, have signed a proclamation promoting National Volunteer Week. National Volunteer Week is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their communities. It is about demonstrating to others that by working together, we have the fortitude to meet our challenges and accomplish our goals. National

Volunteer Week is about taking action, encouraging individuals and their respective communities to be at the center of social change discovering and actively demonstrating their collective power to foster positive transformation. This week, the Chickasaw Foundation acknowledges volunteers in celebration of National Volunteer Week. It is a time to celebrate our volunteers, and also to enable our partners, friends and supporters to share ideas, practices and stories wherever they happen. The Chickasaw Foundation thanks its many volunteers for their dedication, generosity and kindness!

Colbert L. “Bud” Baker Jr.



Colbert L. “Bud” Baker, Jr. of Marco Island, Florida, went to be with the Great Spirit March 3, 2017.

Bud was born April 14, 1925 to Colbert “Lat” Baker and Lois Brunt Baker in Tulsa, Okla. He is survived by three sons, Tim and his angel of a wife, Charmaine, who helped him reach the happy hunting ground; John and his wife, Donna, and Brad and his wife, Jean, in addition to his beloved Michelle “Missy” Boggs Roys.

Grandchildren include Christy, Cydne, Beau, E McCreedy, Kristin and John Redding Baker; Kelly and Robert reside in the Sooner State, Bud was an Oklahoma Sooner grad. Additional grandchildren, Sarah and Jocelyn Baker, live in Montana and California, respectively.

The Chief also had about 20 great-grandchildren, give or take one or two. He loved his family, he loved music, he could whip anyone in the family in tennis and he loved angel food cake made by his mom. He loved a little cocktail now and then.

Bud served in World War II and the Korean War and was a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. After the war, Bud founded a number of successful companies in his life with Chickasaw Distributors in Houston, Texas being his last and most successful. His successes were due, by his own account and in no small part, to the talents and knowledge of Debbie Hebert, Travis Baugh, Richard Head, Steve Wells and many others.

He was also very proud of his friendship and longtime relationship with Jeanie Cooper who was the longtime star of “The Young and The Restless.” She helped him, along with son, Tim, to found a first-class medical treatment facility in Midland, Texas, named The Springboard Center.

Inspired by The Great Spirit, Mr. Baker was visionary in his approach to all things. He found the best in his fellow humans and loved them to a fault. He grew kinder and wiser and aged well like fine wine. Sitting in his Marco Island penthouse, Bud surveyed the beach below with the pelicans and the osprey drifting by his lanai as he lazed in his recliner. He often reflected, “I don’t think I could’ve done finer.”

He expressed how grateful he was to get to spend many, many years with all his friends on Marco Island and ended his tour sitting in his favorite chair looking out on the handiwork of the Great Spirit.

Bud, a proud citizen of the Great Chickasaw Nation, will be laid to rest in the cemetery at Chandler, Okla., after we confirm that he’s safely in the great beyond and not having dinner and cocktails with friends at Chops 239 on Marco Island.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the scholarship fund at the Colbert Latimer “Bud” Baker Scholarship c/o Chickasaw Foundation, P.O. Box 1726, Ada, OK 74821-1726 or to The Springboard Center, 200 Corporate Drive, Midland, TX 79705, in honor of C.L. Baker, Jr.

Roger Ross Bass



Roger Ross Bass, 60, passed away Feb. 27, 2017, at Ardmore, Okla. Funeral services were March 2, 2017, Fusion at The First Baptist Church of Ardmore, with Pastor Todd Davidson officiating. Burial followed in Provence Cemetery, Ardmore.

Mr. Bass was born March 10, 1956 in Oklahoma City to Jerry Bill Bass and Francis Fern (Smithers) Bass. He graduated from Ardmore High School. He married LaDonna Maddox Sept. 4, 1998. A member of First Baptist Church of Ardmore, he attended Celebrate Recovery and Fusion services. He enjoyed playing the guitar and Indian crafting.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jerry Bill Bass and Frances Bass.

He is survived by his wife, LaDonna, of the home; a son Jordan Bass; daughters, Amber Rice and husband, David, and Sarah Berry and husband, Keith; grandchildren, Karson Rice, Kaelyn Rice, and Ethan Berry; a brother, Mark Bass and wife, Reatha; a sister, Jeri Bass; a nephew Kane Bass and wife, Sarah; nieces Winter Bass and Kelly Miller and husband, Wes; great-niece, Haylee Womack.

Serving as pallbearers were Charlie Gaither, Nick Weldon, Bob Crawford, Brian Duncan, Terry Gilliam, and Anthony Wright.

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Delores Gail Crockett



Delores Gail Crockett, 71, died of breast cancer March 9, 2017 in Sulphur, Okla. Graveside memorial services were March 17 at Resthaven Memorial Gardens (Masonic Garden) Oklahoma City with her nephew Reverend Randy Whitlow officiating.

She was born in 1945 to Edith and George Crockett, an original enrollee of the Chickasaw Nation, in Oklahoma City. She was the youngest of five children and raised in downtown Oklahoma City. She graduated from Capitol Hill High School in 1963 and was married the same year.

She had three children and was a full-time housewife and mother. She started taking part-time college courses in 1983 and eventually obtained a bachelor of arts degree in Family Studies and Gerontology from Southern Nazarene University in 1995. She found her calling through social work with disadvantaged women through agencies such as Travelers Aid and City Care/Pershing Center. She retired from her career to become a full-time grandmother.

Her grandchildren were the greatest joys of her life. She will always be remembered as a woman of great faith in the teachings of Jesus Christ. She was kind, compassionate, generous and humble. She will forever be dearly missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and siblings Joy, George, and Helen; and nephews David Perry and Daniel Perry.

She is survived by a sister, Cordelia Crockett; her children,

Brian Herndon and wife Sally, Deena Lemons and husband Tom, Keli Williams and husband Tracy; her dearly beloved grandchildren, Ryan May, Amanda Herndon, Raleigh Lemons, Alivia Williams, Madison Herndon, Megan Herndon, Allayna Williams, and Sophia Herndon (Sanchez); and a host of loving nieces and nephews.

Gerald Wayne Johnson



Gerald Wayne Johnson, 59, passed away Feb. 28, 2017, at Ardmore, Okla.

Funeral services were March 3, 2017, in The Chapel at Griffin ~ Hillcrest Funeral Home with Pastor Eugene Christian officiating. Interment followed in Enville (OK) Cemetery.

Mr. Johnson was born March 26, 1957 at Key West, Florida to Tommy Johnson and LaVerne (McCurtain) Johnson. He attended Ardmore and later Lone Grove Schools. He left school after he started working as a driver for Coors Brewing Company. Mr. Johnson worked for a time as a lineman for the electric company, and then returned to working as a driver, this time for Anheuser-Busch Budweiser. In 1991, he earned his general educational development (GED) certificate. He worked for Builder Bob’s Home Improvement Center for 10 years.

He married Corliss Jean Reece December 30, 2004 at Fox, Okla. In the years that followed, he returned to both Budweiser and Coors working as a driver until his health forced him into retirement. He was raised in the Baptist faith and attended church services at Living Word Tabernacle in Ratliff City, Okla. He liked playing pool and bingo, but his passion was playing golf. He enjoyed working with his hands building dog houses and loved spending time with his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Tommy Johnson.

He is survived by his wife, Corliss, of the home; nine children, daughter Shelly Gravitt and husband Bo, of Ardmore, daughter Gwendell Johnson and husband Robert Nelson, of Thackerville, Okla., son Joshua Johnson and wife Radonna, of Ardmore, daughter Kayli Grant and husband James, of Sasakwa, Okla., son Dustin Hicks, of Overbrook, Okla., son Joshua Hicks and wife Andi, of Dickson, Okla., son Jerry Hicks and wife Lucy, of Ardmore; like sons, Malcom Sandlin, of Overbrook and Charlie Ruoff, of Ardmore; his mother, LaVerne Johnson, of Lone Grove; 27 grandchildren: Hector, Lauren, Christian, Lilli, Zach, Aliva, Cha’Risa, Chloe, Arianna, JW, Tatum, Katelyn, Raegan, Riley, Blake, Shytanna, Dusti, Makayla, Abby, Sammy, Emma, Lani, Pacience, Joshlyn, Remi, Brianne, and Ashley; brothers, Danny Wells and wife, Debra, Randy Johnson and wife, Renea, and Dean Johnson and wife, Tina; numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Serving as pallbearers were Jason Womack, Joshua Johnson, James Grant, Bo Gravitt, Dustin Hicks, and Jerry Hicks. Honorary bearers will be Hector Almaraz, Zachary Nelson, Robert Nelson, and Charlie Ruoff.

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Lila Dean McManus



Services for Lila Dean McManus, 78, of Ada, Okla., were March 22 at Central Church of Christ, Ada, with Roy Deering officiating. Burial followed in McGee Cemetery near Stratford.

Mrs. McManus passed away March 18, 2017 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. She was born July 20, 1938 near Madill, Okla., to Luchess and Mary Odelia Brown Sealey. She attended schools at Kingston and Madill.

She married Harrel D. McManus Feb. 19, 1955. He preceded her in death in 2009. Mrs. McManus was Chickasaw Nation Director of Human Resources and currently served as a Chickasaw Nation Legislator. She was a longtime member of the Galey Church of Christ.

She is survived by three daughters, Karen Goodnight and husband Stan, of Norman, Okla., Sherri McManus, of Ada, and Kristina McManus, of El Dorado, Kan.; a brother, Leonard Sealey, of Lawton, Okla.; a sister, Virginia Iantria, of South Bend, Ind.; 11 grandchildren, Elizabeth Boyett, Amanda Eddings and her husband Jason, Nicole Willis and her husband Michael, Ashton Ward, Kyle Goodnight, Madie Goodnight, Katie Goodnight, Tyler Frazier and his wife Amber, Brittany Frazier, Joshua Thompson and John Christian Roller; and seven great-grandchildren, Mikie, Lila, Cassius, Natalee, Maverick, Slade and Greysen.

Bearers were Tyler Frazier, Kyle Goodnight, Joshua Thompson, Christian Roller, Michael Greenlee and Gerald Sealey. Honorary bearers were Governor Bill Anoatubby, Stan Goodnight, Bill Lance, Tom Bolitho, Jay Keel, Toby Perkins, Phillip Perkins, Frank Johnson, Jr., and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel.

Roger Craig Scribner

Services for Roger Craig Scribner, 56, of Ada, Okla., were March 24, 2017 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada with Rev. Hazel Wallace officiating. Burial followed in Rosedale Cemetery, Ada.

Mr. Scribner passed away March 19, 2017 at a local hospital. He was born Sept. 26, 1960 in Stillwater, Okla., to Theodore Roosevelt Scribner II and Authalene “Jot” Lucille Johnson Scribner.

He married Beth Ellen Goldsberry Nov. 24, 1979 at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Mr. Scribner was a carpenter for the Chickasaw Nation for 20 years.

He is survived by his wife, Beth, of the home; his parents, Ted and Jot Scribner, of Copperas Cove, Texas; sons, Roger Scribner Jr. and wife Jeanie, Christopher Scribner, and Andrew Scribner and wife, Briana, all of Ada; a grandson, Zane Scribner, of Ada; three brothers, Ted R. Scribner III and wife, Tandra, of Sulphur, Okla., Wayne Scribner and wife, Robyn, of Ada, and Jeff Scribner and wife Misty, of Copperas Cove; a sister, Lisa Fox, of Copperas Cove; many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Angel Scribner.

Bearers were Shawn Hurley, Cathy Hurley, Neidra Young, Michael Gould, Cody Adams and Phillip Burris Jr.

Honorary bearer was Clark May.

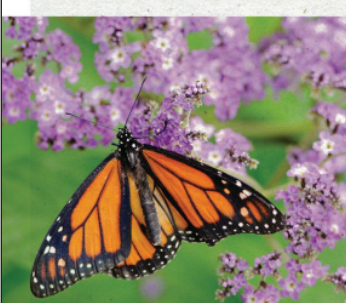
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Martial arts students stay busy with presentations



Students who participate in the Chickasaw Nation martial arts program are often invited to perform martial arts demonstrations at various Chickasaw Nation events and partake in competitions throughout Oklahoma. Clockwise from top left are Autumn Smith, Amaurie Peters, Evelyn Riden and Teiara King.

The Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts program offers judo, karate and ju jitsu classes for Chickasaw citizens and Chickasaw Nation employees. Classes are \$5 per month and offered in Ada, Ardmore, Kings-

ton, Purcell and Sulphur. Applications are available on www.chickasaw.net/MartialArts. For more information, contact the Martial Arts program at (580) 272-5504 or matt.clark@chickasaw.net.

Yellow belt promotions



Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts students in Sulphur recently received yellow belt promotions after their hard work and dedication. From left are Bryce Williams, Brock Williams, Ava Bolding, Brady Williams and Amaurie Williams.



Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts students gave a demonstration before the first quarter of the OKC Blue game, Feb. 4. From right are Hazel Abelli, Teiara King, Autumn Smith and Evelyn Riden. Back row from right, Gabrielle Smith, Zhizhe Yang, Andrew Berry, Natalie Hilton, Trae Cox, Marco Charqueno, Erica Berryman and Blake Berryman.

Talented Chickasaw kids perform at OKC Blue game

More than 290 Chickasaw youth represented the Chickasaw Nation Youth Activities, Chickasha Pelichi Ikbi youth leadership, Chickasaw Youth Club, Chickasaw Youth Ensemble, Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts and the

Chickasaw Princesses at the 2017 Chickasaw Youth Night Feb. 4, at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City. Participants enjoyed the NBA Developmental League Oklahoma City Blue vs. Los Angeles D-Fend-

ers basketball game. Children who attended were excited to witness a win for Oklahoma City Blue, and to participate on the court between quarters.

Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts program wins at Yukon



More than 35 students ranging from yellow belt to black belt won a total of 149 trophies at the Feb. 25 Yukon (OK) Karate Championship. Top row from left, Marko Charqueno, Andrew Berry, Natalie Hilton, Bryce Williams, Macey Eck and Brysten Shephard. Second row from left, Ethan Eck, Evelyn Riden, Zhizhe Yang, Amaurie Peters, Leigh Davidson, Elliot Riden, Brock Williams, Brady Williams and Cade Frye. Third row from left, Alicia Melendez, Gabby Smith, Maria Charqueno and Ricardo Charqueno. Bottom row from left, John Englutt, Daniel Sampson, Joshua Sampson, Rafael Charqueno, Liam Eddinger, Teiara King and Autumn Smith.



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